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Finance Conference 2018

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9.00am	Registration, Refreshments and Exhibition Viewing
9.45 am	Welcome and Introductions
	<i>Conference Chair - Luke Cross, Editor, Social Housing</i>
	<i>Room - Powys</i>
	Luke has been the editor of Social Housing magazine since July 2013, and oversees the production of the magazine and website. Throughout the conference Luke will share his own personal commentary on the sessions.
9.55am	Digital Technology, The Key to Transformation
	<i>Linda Davidson, Digital & Social Media Specialist</i> <i>@abridgetv</i>
	<i>Room - Powys</i>
	Linda Davidson is a Canadian-British former actress, writer and a media corporate. She developed the first BBC sites, launched E4 and led digital distribution deals before broadening her base as European IT Director for Discovery Networks. She now lectures and helps companies to deliver ROI from their online platforms. Throughout this session Linda will investigate how organisations are using technology to respond to the changing demands. How can we meet what our customers expect? And analyse future technology trends and explore how they will impact our organisations and lives of our tenants.

11 am	Refreshments and Networking sponsored by Hugh James Solicitors
11.30 am	<p><u>Workshops</u></p> <p>Delivering on 20,000 Homes - Update</p>
	<p><i>Carrie Satherley, Welsh Government</i></p> <p><i>Helga Warren, Welsh Government</i></p> <p><i>@welshgovernment</i></p>
	<p><i>Room – Garden 1</i></p>
	<p>Carrie and Helga will share with delegates the journey so far towards the target of the development of 20,000 new homes. They will share the triumphs and highlight what made them successful, and also the obstacles, trials and triumphs they have experienced and the solutions they found to these.</p> <p>The session will identify what funding solutions are available to organisations, to ensure the continued development of the 20,000 homes target.</p>

Workshops

Pensions Update

Stuart Price, Quantum Advisory

@Quantumadvisory

Room – Garden 2

Stuart will review the pension landscape for the social housing sector in Wales. With the current SHPS triennial valuation in full swing, he will consider factors affecting SHPS performance and will explore the impact the likely contribution rises from April 2019 will have on Housing Associations.

Stuart will also touch on the proposed inclusion of each employer's SHPS share of assets and liabilities in their financial statements.

Finally, Stuart will look at the importance of employers engaging with their workforce over the importance of saving for their retirement.

Workshops

Innovative Funding for Organisations and Communities

Community Energy Wales

@CommEnergyWales

Room –Powys

Community Energy Wales is a not for profit membership organisation that has been set up to provide assistance and a voice to community groups working on energy projects in Wales. There is no doubting the benefits that can flow to communities from the development of community energy projects – but as an increasing number of community organisations are discovering, the journey from an initial idea to the realisation of a project can be fraught with frustration and delay.

This session will look into the ways Housing Associations can get involved in Community Energy Projects including developing viable business cases for renewable developments and informing of support available to associations and their tenants. Hear about the benefits and the pitfalls in setting up a Community Energy Project.

Workshops

Financial Capacity in the Sector

Nigel Williams, Savills

@savills

Room - Usk

Following on from David Eastgate's session at last years conference, Nigel will update delegates on the 2017 figures and give delegates an understanding of the potential capacity in the sector

12.30 pm

**Lunch, Exhibition Viewing and Networking
Room – The Ballroom**

1.30pm

Developing a Team Mentality

Sean Holley, BBC Rugby Pundit, Coach

@_SeanHolley

Room - Powys

Sean Holley is a TV Rugby Analyst for BBC Wales Scrum V in studio and outside broadcasts. Sean provides commentary and match analysis In-game and pre/post match. He also works for BT Sport, Sky Sports, S4C and hosts the Sony Award winning 'Rugby Nation' weekly show on Nation Radio. Sean writes technical coaching articles for several publications and has a regular monthly column in the World's largest selling rugby publication, Rugby World.

It comes as no surprise that Sean knows a thing or two about teamwork! Teamwork is central to the success of all businesses regardless of the sector, and their effectiveness can strongly influence the success of the organisation overall.

Sean will share with us how to create highly developed, performing teams within organisations and how we can create a culture that will encourage growth and development enabling individuals to perform to their true potential. Sean will be drawing on his experience as a rugby coach to one of Wales' most successful regional teams.

2.30 pm

Workshops

The True Cost of Innovative Housing

Vicky Kells, Clarke Willmott

@ClarkeWillmott

Room - Usk

What is the true cost of delivering innovative housing?

With the promise that innovative housing will increase cost savings and efficiency improvements, it's no wonder that Innovative housing is an attractive and appealing opportunity to overhaul the way to deliver homes.

Vicky, will help delegates identify the true costs of developing Innovative Housing, and whether the promises of savings and efficiency ring true.

Workshops

CCG's Procurement Journey: Our Route to Success

Carl Thomas, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd

@CartrefiGwynedd

Room – Garden 1

Getting the right procurement structure in place to guarantee your organisation gains maximum value from your supplier is a must.

Procurement activities at CCG have been a core part of their activities in recent years. Carl Thomas, Procurement Manager will share their "procurement journey" and the benefits that this has given them.

Workshops

Analysing the credit –worthiness of Welsh Housing Associations

Ratul Sood, S & P Global Session

@SPGlobal

Room - Powys

	<p>Over the past year there has been a huge increase in in the interest of credit ratings by Housing Associations looking to finance development activity, along with diversifying their finances by accessing capital markets.</p> <p>Ratul will give view and insights on the Welsh Housing Sector and outline the key trends and what is the outlook for funding and borrowing requirements</p>
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Workshops

Business Continuity: Managing the Financial Impact

	<p><i>Laura Jennings and Jodie Sheath, Arthur J. Gallagher</i> <i>@AJGinsurance</i></p>
	<p><i>Room – Garden 2</i></p>
	<p>This will be a thought provoking session on protecting your business when disaster strikes.</p> <p>Focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triggers – Cyber, Fire, Terrorism • Impact – Financial loss, reputation • Solution – Planning and Testing

3.30pm	<p>Refreshments and Networking kindly sponsored by Hugh James Solicitors Room – The Ballroom</p>
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4.00	<p>What Lessons have the Regulator learned from the FVJ assessments</p>
	<p><i>Room - Powys</i></p>
	<p><i>Allister Parkinson and Carol Kay, Welsh Government</i> <i>@carolkay37, @Welshgovernment</i></p>
	<p><i>Room - Powys</i></p>

	<p>With most Housing Associations having undertaken FVJ assessments under the new Performance standards, the regulator will share with us the lessons they have learned over the past 18 months.</p> <p>Delegates will leave the session aware of the pitfalls other organisations have experienced and have an awareness of how to avoid these themselves in the future.</p>
4.45pm	End of Day One
7.30pm	Pre Dinner Drinks Reception kindly sponsored by Deloitte
8.00pm	Conference Dinner kindly sponsored by Lloyds Bank

Friday 6th July

9.00am	Registration
9.30am	Political Landscape in Wales & the UK
	<p><i>Rhodri ab Owen, Positif</i></p> <p><i>@RhodriabOwen</i></p>
	<p><i>Room - Powys</i></p>
	<p>Rhodri ab Owen has been Head of Monitoring at Positif since January 2010. A firm favourite at CHC's Conferences, Rhodri is able to put his own unique spin what is going on in the world of politics.</p> <p>Within the UK and Wales, politics is experiencing complex story lines which would be more in place in an American TV series! Rhodri will explore what has happened in British Politics over the past year and identify the potential impact this will have on our organisations.</p>

10.15pm	Economic Outlook
	<i>Nikesh Sawjani, UK Economist, Lloyds Bank</i>
	<i>Room - Powys</i>
	<p>With rising inflation and interest rates and uncertainty with BREXIT, this session is a snapshot of the financial outlook for the year ahead and beyond.</p> <p>In an ever evolving and changing environment, this session will explore the sector's potential future financial performance and what the challenges are that lie ahead.</p>

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11.30am	<p><u>Sub plenary</u></p> <p>Tax Update</p> <p>Room - Powys</p>
	<p><i>Sarah-Jane Grace , Deloitte</i></p> <p><i>@Deloitte</i></p>
	<p>The world of tax is ever-evolving however more recently there has been a heavier focus from HMRC within the Social Housing arena.</p> <p>Sarah-Jane will provide delegates with updates on tax issues that CHC members are now facing and have an impact on organisations.</p>

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	<p><u>Sub Plenary</u></p> <p>The Future of Cyber Security</p> <p>Room - Garden</p>
	<p><i>Richard Gaze, Utiligroup.</i></p> <p><i>@Utiligroup</i></p>
	<p>Why should organisations encourage a culture where IT security is not seen as being an 'IT problem'?</p>

	<p>What are the Emerging threats and what are the solutions to combat them? Where do standards such as CE (Cyber Essentials) and IASME (Information Assurance for Small to Medium Enterprises) fit into organisational road maps?</p> <p>This session is being hosted by Richard Gaze, Technical Director at Accelero Digital, recognised for their experience in Cyber security, offering software that helps a diverse range of industries become security compliant.</p> <p>Accelero Digital was recently acquired by Utiligroup, a market leading provider of innovative software as a service with the associated expertise to make energy smarter for everyone. Utiligroup are the UK subsidiary of leading global technology business, ESG.</p>
12.30 pm	Risk – Being Bold
	<p><i>Ruth Murray Webster</i></p> <p><i>@rmurraywebster</i></p>
	<p><i>Room - Powys</i></p>
	<p>Every business is faced with challenges on how to embrace and address emerging trends. The Social Housing sector in Wales is no different!</p> <p>Ruth will identify the emerging trends and issues identified in the Housing Horizons report. Using the ‘Act upon Disruption Process’ they will look at the potential to exploit opportunities whilst accurately calculating risks. This will be shared as a practical way of managing the uncertainties posed by the near and more distant future.</p> <p>Within this session delegates will be invited to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What ‘being bold’ with risk management might mean in practice – how this links to risk appetite. • Practical steps you can take back at work to ensure that it is clear what risks are opportunities to be seized and which are threats to be defended.
1.15pm	Conference Conclusions
1.20pm	Lunch and Depart

