

Technical services forum

CHC update

CHC provided an update on

- Planning
- Housing Horizons
- Signage

Members fed back following engagement with Welsh Water via development forums. Overall communication channels are much improved however issues in delivery still exist on the ground.

Action: CHC to feedback this positively to Welsh Water ask for contact details to be shared and consider setting up more roadshows. CHC to seek a clear process with Welsh Water for those that don't know how to make contact with WW.

DONE – Awaiting response

Action: CHC to share Housing Horizons Savills data report and data video setting out the housing challenge in 2036.

See <https://chcymru.org.uk/en/housing-horizons/phase-two-establishing-the-challenge/>

Welsh Government update

DQR update: Revision due out in September. This will omit any redundant standards. Update in advance of any fundamental review that may come out of the innovative housing programme.

Acceptable Cost Guidance requires updating. Welsh government are interested in changing some of the process and will consult on options. This may include post completion audit processes and a design check pre planning.

Welsh Government are reviewing the data approach to PDPs. WG will work with a small number of Has to trial a new data platform in Q4 17/18.

Innovative Housing Programme: WG provided an update on likely scheme parameters. More details to be shared within the next few weeks. Likely to be a short turnaround for schemes for this financial year but will also be seeking proposals for next financial year. Forum raised the need for flexibility to ensure a pipeline of schemes.

Action: CHC to work with WG to run a session on IHP on technical elements of the innovative housing programme.

Info already shared on this – taking place August 15th in the Metropole, Llandrindod Wells

Rent to own: WG provided an update on likely scheme parameters. £10m 17/18 for this scheme.

Action: Welsh Government to send update on rent to own parameters for CHC to share with technical services network

See: <https://www.yammer.com/chcmembers/#/files/98164653>

Health and Housing: Welsh Government have received sector views via CHC and PHW. In particular WG are investigating how to align the process with SHG as much as possible. Rhydian Jones will be leading on this work (starting in next fortnight).

BBA/CIT update on cavity wall insulation

BBA/CIT provided an overview of key issues related to cavity wall insulation.

Action: CIT will share presentation including contact details.

Hugh chasing and will share ASAP

Modular Housing

F1 Modular provided an update on options around modular housing.

The group discussed the briefing note setting out lenders position with regards to lending for modular housing.

Fire safety

Seamus Doyle, Pembrokeshire Housing provided an update of the work of the CHC fire safety network and an update of the latest developments in UK and Welsh Government policy post the Grenfell Tower disaster.

The group discussed their organisational responses.

Updates will continue to be circulated via CHC

Procurement

Robin Huw Roberts from NPS provided an update.

NPS welcomed views on frameworks that would be useful for the sector.

Presentation available on CHC website