

Terms of Reference – Finance Strategic Delivery Group

CHC's Strategic Delivery Groups (SDGs) actively support CHC's lobbying and advocacy work on issues identified by the membership through CHC's Corporate Plan.

Purpose:

The Finance SDG will:

- Test and develop policy ideas.
- Respond to, shape and influence government and stakeholder policy ideas.
- Horizon scan to identify future risks and opportunities.
- Feed into, and shape, CHC conferences and training so that they are relevant and beneficial for members.

Remit:

This SDG will principally focus on the following areas in 2019/20 (as identified by the sector):

- Rent and Affordability - Affordable Housing Review outcomes. Influence new approach to rent setting.
- Helping secure long term Capital investment in housing.
- Helping ensure the sector is appropriately open and transparent.
- Addressing issues affecting the financial well-being of the sector; Financial reporting, Pensions, BREXIT, skills.
- Treasury management - lending and risk considerations.
- Sharing good practice to ensure CHC members have high-performing finance functions.
- Promote strong local relationships and collaboration.
- Promote an environment of enterprise and innovation.

The CEO SDG and the Chairs and Vice Chairs SDG can also commission pieces of work from this SDG.

Attendance:

- Each Housing Association will determine which staff to send to each SDG.
- Based on the work areas, we are encouraging senior finance colleagues to attend this SDG in order to help shape strategy.

Logistics:

- An agenda will be circulated in advance.
- FSDGs will run 3 times a year, with 2 meetings taking place in Mid Wales and one in Deloitte in Cardiff.
- There will be an agenda item at the end of each SDG to self-evaluate.
- The Chair will record a short video at the end of each SDG outlining discussions, progress and next steps. This will be shared with other SDGs via Yammer.
- Outcomes and progress from each SDG will be reflected in CHC's quarterly progress reports.
- CHC staff will provide administration support for each meeting.