

# Community Controlled Housing – the way ahead



Friday 30th October 2009 - The Radisson Hotel, Argyle Street, Glasgow

## On the Front Foot

### GWSF 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

In recent years The Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum has been at the forefront of influencing housing policy, particularly as it relates to community controlled housing. For example, GWSF's response on investment in affordable housing reform was widely praised throughout the country. GWSF's regular meetings are attended by well over 50 staff and committee members.

The GWSF 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be reviewing the current housing scene and discussing how to develop legislative and financial frameworks that will enable Community Controlled Housing Associations (CCHAs) to grow and develop over the next few years.

In the afternoon, we welcome Alex Neil MSP the Minister for Housing and Communities who has kindly agreed to address the Conference. This is a critical time for associations. The Minister has still to define the final shape of the new Housing (Scotland) Bill and decide how programmes will be developed in a difficult public expenditure climate.

The Conference is an ideal opportunity for staff and committee members from associations in the West of Scotland to take stock, discuss topical issues, network and influence the direction of GWSF in the months ahead.

#### Programme

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| 9.30  | Registration and coffee   |
| 10.00 | Welcome and introductions - Lyn Ewing, Chair GWSF.  |
| 10.10 | <b>On the Front Foot</b><br>A plenary session on the past, present and future challenges for CCHAs, involving Fraser Stewart of New Gorbals HA, followed by a panel discussion.   |
| 11.15 | Tea and coffee  |
| 11.45 | <b>Workshops</b> - facilitated and presented by CCHA representatives and speakers from key stakeholders<br><br><b>1. NASSO</b> - this workshop will focus on the latest debate and the legal position around housing sex offenders and the duty to cooperate.<br><b>2. Local housing strategies</b> ; strategic housing investment plans; and scarce resources for development by CCHAs. The uncertainties in both development funding and procurement; investment priorities agreed by local authorities with the Scottish Government across the West of Scotland.<br><b>3. Future face of regulation</b> - consultation on the housing bill is complete. The future of regulation is uncertain. Does one size fit all? Are there different strokes for different folks? |
| 12.45 | Lunch   |
| 14.00 | <b>Keynote address by the Minister for Housing and Communities, Alex Neil MSP</b><br>Questions  |
| 15.00 | Review  |
| 15.15 | Close   |

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# BOOKING FORM

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**£130 per person** (Organisations affiliated to SFHA/Glasgow Forum)

**£165 per person** (Others e.g. Consultants, other agencies etc)

**Please book the following on this seminar:**

Delegate Name	Committee/Staff	Sub-plenary order of preference
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**ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE**

**Friday 30th October 2009**  
Registration Tea and Coffee 9.30 - 10.00am  
**Conference Programme**  
10.00am - 3.15pm including buffet lunch  
**at The Radisson Hotel**  
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