

Recent Housing Developments

[Andy Lane](#) looks at some of the issues facing the Housing Sector in the last 3 months...

Affordable Housing

- Peabody/CEBR report demonstrates the [business case for affordable housing](#)

Anti-social Behaviour

- Excellent [Report](#) by the Commons Library on the Troubled Families Programme (England)
- [Protection from Harassment Act briefing](#) from the Commons Library
- [Revised Statutory Guidance](#) has been produced on injunctions to prevent gang-related violence and gang-related drug dealing

Courts

- The Civil Procedure Rule Committee [consults](#) on proposed changes to the Court of Appeal permission test

Homelessness

- The Commons Library has produced a [briefing paper](#) on section 21 notices and homelessness applications
- The London Councils [spent nearly £600 million](#) over an 18 months period
- [Rough sleeping \(England\)](#) briefing paper from the Commons Library
- The DCLG produced the 1st quarter 2016 [homelessness statistics](#) and [Statutory Homeless in England](#) briefing from the Commons Library

Housing Associations

- [European Investment Bank funding](#) for social housing and shared ownership development
- [Brexit and Housing Associations paper](#) from the National Housing Federation

Housing Conditions

- [Empty Housing \(England\) Briefing](#) and [Empty Dwelling Management Orders briefing](#) from the Commons Library

- The Commons Library prepare a briefing on the [Housing Health & Safety Rating System](#)

Housing & Planning Act 2016

- [Lifetime Tenancies: Equality Impact Assessment](#) (May 2016) issued by the DCLG and a [briefing paper](#) by the Commons Library
- [Royal assent](#) granted on 12 May 2016 (though not published until 23 May 2016!) and the [Explanatory Notes](#) have been produced
- DCLG [consultation](#) on starter homes regulations under the Act to end on 10 June 2016
- [Second set of Commencement Provisions](#) bringing various provisions of the Act into force on 13 July 2016, 1 October 2016 and 31 October 2016

Pay to Stay

- Latest [Update](#) from the National Housing Federation on Pay to Stay for housing associations

Private Renting

- The Home Office have produced a short guide on the [Right to Rent](#) (June 2016)

Regeneration & Housebuilding

- The Chartered Institute of Housing, Poplar HARCA and Sheffield Hallam University's CRESR have produced a report on [regeneration funding](#)
- Peabody submit [plans](#) to regenerate South Thamesmead
- The Commons Library produce a briefing paper on [Stimulating housing supply - Government initiatives \(England\)](#)
- The DCLG have produced the 2016 first quarter [new build housing starts and completions](#) statistics
- The CIH and CIPFA release a report encouraging [joined up policies](#) to allow greater local authority housebuilding
- The Communities and Local Government Committee launches an [inquiry](#) into the capacity of the homebuilding industry
- The House of Lords Select Committee on Economic Affairs produces a [report](#) calling for the building of more homes

Regulation

- The Homes & Communities Agency revise '[Regulating the Standards](#)', primarily to take into account the changes in the HCA's approach to the Rent Standard resulting from the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.

Rents

- '[Rent Standard Guidance](#)' (April 2016) issued by the Homes & Communities Agency
- Circle Housing [reports](#) on the need for extra support to those tenants moving onto Universal Credit
- "[Rent setting: social housing \(England\)](#)" paper from the Commons Library
- The National Federation of ALMOs produce a survey report on [the impact of universal credit on rent arrears](#)

Right to Buy

- Provisions for the funding of voluntary RTB discounts by the Secretary of State or GLA in Part 4 of the Housing & Planning Act 2016 [in force from 26 May 2016](#)
- The Welsh Government [announce its intention](#) to abolish the Right to Buy and the Right to Acquire
- The DCLG have produced [Right to Buy Sales figures](#) for the first quarter of 2016 in England
- [Voluntary Right to Buy Advice](#) from Kelvin Rutledge QC & Ashley Bowes of Cornerstone Barristers
- The Commons Library has prepared an updated briefing note on ["Extending a voluntary Right to Buy to housing association tenants \(England\)"](#)

Miscellaneous

- Julian Ashby's tenure as the HCA's regulation committee chair extend to March 2018
- The HCA have produced [analysis](#) of the cost variation in the social housing sector
- The [Crown Tenancies Bill](#) (2016-17) will receive its 2nd reading on 16 December 2016