

## Recent Housing Developments

Andy Lane looks at some of the issues facing the Housing Sector in the last 3 months...

### Anti-Social Behaviour

[Troubled Families Programme briefing paper](#) by the Commons Library...still supported by [Government](#) despite [criticisms](#) (15 October 2016)

The House of Lords debated [PSPOs](#) on [8 September 2016](#)

Report on the [Community Trigger](#) by ASB Help (September 2016)

[Police Information Notices](#) briefing (11 October 2016)

### Benefits

The Commons Library produce briefing papers on [council tax](#), [council tax reduction schemes](#) and [housing benefit](#)

The DWP publishes the "[Social Landlord Support Pack](#)" as the universal credit roll-out continues

### Courts

Changes to the [permission to appeal](#) (CA) process and to [routes of appeal](#) introduced from 3 October 2016

[Court closure](#) updates (13 October 2016)

[Consultation](#) on proposed closure of Camberwell Green and Hammersmith Magistrates' Courts ended on 27 October 2016

### Equality

"[No Place Like An Accessible Home](#)" report produced by the LSE and the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (July 2016)

### Homelessness

The Community and Local Government Select Committee reports on [homelessness](#) (18 August 2016)

"[Rough sleepers: access to services and support \(England\)](#)" briefing paper (7 September 2016) and "[Households in Temporary Accommodation \(England\)](#)" briefing paper (6 October 2016)

More housing help for [women prisoners](#) needed upon their release (September 2016)

[April to June 2016 figures](#) on statutory homeless produced by the DCLG (28 September 2016)

Amended allocation and homelessness [eligibility regulations](#) in force from 30 October 2016

The [Homelessness Reduction Bill 2016/17](#) is now supported by [government](#) and the [CLG Select Committee](#) (October 2016)

#### Home Ownership

Problems arise with the Government's [Help to Buy ISA](#) programme (August 2016)

Right to Buy sales figures for April to June 2016 [produced](#) by the DCLG (22 September 2016) and on [20 October 2016](#)

#### Housing Associations

The Executive Team designate and Shadow Board announced for [AmicusHorizon/Viridian partnership](#) (15 August 2016)

The National Housing Federation reports on forthcoming [deregulatory measures](#) to ensure housing associations are classified as private bodies (18 August 2016)

The HCA publishes its [Consumer Regulation Review \(2015/16\)](#)

Sector remains in a strong financial position according to the [HCA](#) (24 August 2016)

On 21 September 2016 the HCA published its [social housing sector risk profile 2016](#)

Sales of housing association properties under the [right to buy](#) have begun

Registered Providers of social housing in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland classified as public bodies [by the ONS](#) (September 2016)

#### Legislation

The LGA produce a [briefing overview](#) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (July 2016)

#### Local Authorities

2015/16 [Local Authorities' spend](#) explained by the DCLG (25 August 2016)

[Pay to Stay regulations](#) made on 27 September 2016

#### Possession

The Ministry of Justice produces its [April to June 2016 possession statistics](#)

#### Private Rented Sector

The DCLG's review of the [Client Money Protection](#) scheme ends

The ONS considers the [affordability](#) of the private rented sector (7 October 2016)

Consultation from [18 October 2016](#) on extension of HMO mandatory licensing

Miscellaneous

[Supporting Housing](#) briefing paper from the Commons Library (28 September 2016)

[Affordable rent](#) report by Shelter (October 2016)

The House of Lords debate on 3 November 2016 on the shortage of housing for young people has a [report](#) prepared for it in advance

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