

Social Housing Allocations Conference 2011

'I attend every year and have found each conference superb'
Housing needs manager and former delegate

Find out the latest on:

- Reviewing your housing register and allocations policy
- Providing housing for the elderly, residents with special needs, and the young
- Abolishing the waiting list – what are the problems? – what are the practicalities?
- Decisions on allocations, by the Courts and the Ombudsmen – all the latest developments
- Achieving mobility for social housing tenants – what can be learned from the London scheme?
- Allocations after the Localism Bill – what do we need to know now?

SPEAKERS

- **Jan Luba QC** (Chairman and speaker),
Garden Court Chambers
- **Andy Gale**, Specialist in Lettings Policy
and Implementation
- **Pamela Wharfe**, Interim Director,
Planning, Environment and Regeneration,
London Borough of Barnet
- **Steve Povey**, Specialist Housing Law Trainer
- **James Clark**, Senior Projects Officer,
Greater London Authority

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Year after year Lime Legal's annual Social Housing Allocations Conference delivers what housing professionals need to fulfil their allocations and lettings duties: a topical programme addressing the issues of most concern, and presented by seasoned experts with many years of experience. Join them and colleagues from local housing authorities and social housing providers around the country to learn about all the latest issues in allocations policy and implementation – and the implications of the forthcoming Localism Bill.

An event not to be missed!

6 Reasons why you need to attend this conference:

- Speakers of unrivalled experience and knowledge
- A programme addressing all the issues of current concern
- Everything you need to know about the Localism Bill now
- Practical, 'hands on' approach
- An opportunity to ask the experts
- Excellent notes to refer to back in the office

Who should attend?

- Lettings & Allocations Managers and Officers
- Housing Assessment Personnel
- Housing Policy Staff
- Heads of Housing
- Directors of Housing
- Independent Advisers

What have delegates said about this conference in the past?:

'Well planned and well presented – one of the best conferences I've attended. I would certainly recommend attendance at future events.'

Lettings Coordinator

'Excellent event – well worth the effort of travelling – thank you.'

Housing Options Manager

'A really worthwhile day – kept focused on the key points.'

Lettings Manager

SPEAKERS

Jan Luba QC (Chairman and lead speaker) Garden Court Chambers. Jan has been described in *Chambers & Partners Directory* as 'the leading QC for housing related public law matters' and as 'a walking encyclopaedia of housing law'.

Andy Gale is one of the best known names in the field of homelessness and lettings. He trains and advises local authorities around the country. He has a wide range of local government experience including housing needs manager for Harrow Council. He was formerly in charge of homelessness and advice at Ealing Council. He has been active in the field of homelessness since the mid 1980s. He is also the author of 'The Local Authority Good Practice Guide to Tackling Homelessness'.

Steve Povey Senior solicitor, specialist housing law trainer. Steve has many years' experience in working as a housing law adviser. He has acquired an enviable reputation as both an expert in social housing law and an accomplished, clear and amusing communicator.

Pam Wharfe Interim director of planning, environment and regeneration, London Borough of Barnet.

James Clark Senior projects officer at the Greater London Authority. James is responsible for delivering the Mayor of London's new housing mobility scheme. Before joining the GLA, James worked as a consultant on a range of housing and regeneration projects in Greater Manchester, and as a housing officer in East London.



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Programme

09.15–10.00

Registration and Refreshments

10.00–10.10

Chairman's Introduction

Jan Luba QC

10.10–11.00

Reviewing Your Housing Register and Allocation Policy – A Practitioner's Viewpoint and Guide to the Options

Andy Gale

- Option 1 – Scrap it all and start again!
- Option 2 – Modernising your housing register and allocation policy
- Option 3 – Minor tweaking to make it fit for purpose
- Getting members and stakeholders on board in your review
- Getting the consultation exercise right
- Keeping it all legal

11.00–11.15

Refreshments

11.15–12.05

Allocating Specialist Accommodation

Steve Povey

- The Equality Act and allocations
- Adapted and adapting properties
- Sheltered and supported housing
- The legal implications of allocating to under 18s
- Legal capacity and mental health

12.05–12.40

Abolishing the Housing Waiting List – The Barnet Approach

Pam Wharfe

- The objective: getting the right person in the right home
- The approach: using lean/systems thinking
- The consultation: asking the right questions
- The waiting list: what waiting list?
- The challenges: managing change

12.40–13.00

Questions and Answers

Panel

13.00–14.00

Lunch

14.00–14.50

Allocations Decisions, the Courts and the Ombudsmen – All the Latest Developments

Jan Luba

- All the recent court cases examined
- All the recent Ombudsmen cases reviewed
- Learning the lessons for decision making
- What needs changing as a result?
- What to do if challenged?

14.50–15.15

Achieving Mobility in Social Housing

James Clark

- The vision for tenant choice and mobility
- Delivering a new mobility scheme: London's approach – principles and practicalities
- Achieving mobility with technology
- Tenancy reform and affordable rent
 - new opportunities
 - new challenges

15.15–15.30

Refreshments

15.30–16.10

Allocations after the Localism Bill

Jan Luba QC

- What the Bill will change and why: the *Local decisions* consultation paper, the responses and the outcome
- The detailed changes under the microscope:
 - transfers
 - new lets
- Getting ready for commencement in 2012
- Must every council do something?
- What about the *Code of Guidance*?
- Enacting a 'right to move' – what the Bill offers

16.10–16.30

Questions and Answers

Panel

16.30

Close of Conference

