



Housing, Social Exclusion and Welfare Reform: Safeguarding Public Services from the Impact of the Credit Crunch

Wednesday 10th December 2008
The Academy Conference Centre, Carburton Street, London

- 09:00** ***Registration & Morning Refreshments***
- 10:00** **Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 10:15** **Keynote Address**
**Safeguarding Public Services from the Impact of the Credit Crunch –
The Government's Priorities**
- Legislation, Key Bills and Policy Development in the Year Ahead
 - A Strategy to Improve Support and Reduce Dependency
 - How will Local Authorities Cope with the Added Pressures to Public Resources?
- 11:00** ***Morning Coffee Break***
- 11:20** **Towards a Robust, Fair and Dynamic Welfare System**
- The Implications of the Welfare Reform Bill for Local Authorities
 - Towards a Simplified and Transparent Benefits System
 - Extending Pathways to Work and Investing in Skills and Retraining
 - Strengthening Individual Rights and Responsibilities
- 12:30** ***Networking Lunch***
- 13:30** **Accelerating the Social Exclusion Action Plan**
- Safeguarding the Five Guiding Principles
 - Improving Collaboration and Multi-Agency Working Locally
 - Better Targeting to Identify and Reach Those Most at Risk
 - Ensuring Child Poverty Remains High on the Policy Agenda
- 14:40** ***Afternoon Coffee Break***
- 15:00** **Beyond Supply and Demand – Continuing the Housing Reform Agenda**
- The Housing Reform Green Paper
 - The Community Empowerment, Housing and Economic Regeneration Bill
 - Implications of the Collapse of the Housing Market and Increased Demand for Social Housing
 - The Changing Role and Responsibilities of Local Authorities
- 16:10** **Chair's Summary and Closing Comments**
- 16:15** ***Networking Drinks***

**** Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice ****