

East Midlands All Party Parliamentary Group

East Midlands All Party Parliamentary Group Annual General Meeting

9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday 14th March 2019

Room P, Portcullis House

Agenda item	Who
1. Chairs welcome and introduction	Alex Norris MP and Nigel Mills MP
2. Election of officers	All Parliamentarians
3. Proposed Work Programme for 2019/20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues for consideration by the APPG during 2019/20 	All Parliamentarians
4. Overview of housing landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing associations contribution ▪ Local authorities reflection 	Helen Greig, External Affairs Manager, National Housing Federation Stuart Young, Executive Director, East Midlands Councils
5. Building more affordable housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opportunities ▪ Barriers <p>Questions and discussion</p>	Jo Savage, Chief Executive, Wellingborough Homes Murray Macdonald, Chief Executive, Lincolnshire Housing Partnership Stuart Young, Executive Director, East Midlands Councils
6. Homelessness <p>Questions and discussion</p>	Chan Kataria, Chief Executive, East Midlands Housing
7. Chair's closing remarks	Alex Norris MP and Nigel Mills MP

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Housing in the East Midlands

We can be in no doubt that the nation is in the midst of a housing crisis. Supply has not kept up with demand. Homelessness is rising, council waiting lists are growing and people are living in unsuitable housing. However, as a nation, there is not one housing crisis but lots of different housing crisis- with different symptoms and causes in each area.

The East Midlands has a diverse range of housing needs and provision. There is urban, rural and coastal housing- which each brings its own opportunities and challenges. There are beautiful national parks but also hidden homelessness and rising numbers of rough sleepers.

As a region there are significant wealth differences. There are pockets of great wealth but also pockets of deprivation. In the Derbyshire Dales there are 994 second homes, while the average salary in Bolsover is just £21,746.

There are affordable housing issues. House prices are 7.7 times the average income in the region. Rents are unaffordable for many working people. Although unemployment is below the national average, a fifth of Housing Benefit claimants in the region are in work.

The East Midlands All-Party Parliamentary Group are bringing together housing associations and local authority representatives and Parliamentarians to discuss the housing crisis across the East Midlands. We will discuss what is being done to address this crisis and what more we can do to ensure that everybody across the region has the opportunity to live in a good quality home at a price they can afford.