

Good start for our Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill sessions

The first of our briefing sessions on the draft Bill took place on Tuesday 26th May which was well attended by delegates, indeed we even had a waiting list as we were inundated with requests for this initial session in Glasgow. If you were not lucky enough to gain a place we hope you will still be able to attend one of our other sessions which are being held throughout Scotland.

The session began with William Fleming from the Scottish Government giving an overview of the new draft Bill, the draft has 3 main themes - a better name for 'social housing', major changes to the right to buy and reviewing and changing the roles and responsibilities of the Scottish Housing regulator. In the afternoon Lesley Baird chaired the session teasing out some of the issues the new Bill raises which led to an excellent debate and discussion.

For members unable to attend any of our sessions we are putting the presentation on our website so that you too, can view and download it.

The delegates' highlighted that there was a need for a further follow up session to give them time to formulate their responses. The majority believed that the session had been worthwhile and the afternoon debate clarified the issues enabling them to go and discuss this further with their groups.

We will inform the Scottish Government of the request for another meeting and hopefully this will be addressed during the consultation period, as they want to maximize the number of responses received so that they can reach an informed view.