

Local government to receive enhanced support for home-building efforts

Press release

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Homes England

Councils are set to receive enhanced support for their home-building efforts after Homes England cut the ribbon on its Local Government Capacity Centre today.

As part of the initiative, the Government's housing delivery agency is inviting officers to join a Summer Learning Programme aimed at sharing knowledge on topics ranging from effective project management to principles of market failure.

The Capacity Centre was conceived as Homes England looked to structure itself to work more productively with local government and help meet the Government's ambition of creating 300,000 homes a year by 2024.

Now, following extensive research and consultation on where the sector most needs support, the centre will begin to offer a range of tools and initiatives to boost skills and help authorities with their end-to-end development plans.

Peter Freeman, Chair of Homes England, said:

Effective partnerships are essential if we are to build the homes the country needs, so it is vital that we offer accessible tools, skills, funding and people.

I'd like to thank our local government colleagues for their input as we've developed the capacity centre. I'm confident it marks a real step forward – so please join us on the summer learning programme where we can build deeper and more fruitful partnerships.

As part of the centre's work, Homes England is making it easier for local government to access relevant information, including:

Housing Minister, Rt Hon Chris Pincher MP, said:

Local government is crucial in creating the homes and places people need and Homes England has a central role to play in supporting their capacity and skills development. I look forward to seeing how the new centre supports local government in delivering the homes this country needs.

The summer learning programme will run from 14 to 25 June. [You can book onto a session here](#)

Notes to Editors

1. The summer learning programme sessions are aimed at planning, housing delivery, regeneration, housing policy, housing strategy, development, legal and finance staff.
2. Local and combined authority staff interested in finding out more about the Local Government Capacity Centre can contact their regular Homes England contact, or email enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk

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