

Policy Update

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE HOUSING WORLD

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Government News

MHCLG

MHCLG has announced the individual roles of its ministers. The majority of the housing brief, including social housing and the Social Housing Regulator will sit under [Matthew Pennycook, Minister for Housing and Planning](#). Rushanara Ali has been appointed [minister for Building Safety and Homelessness](#).

Baroness Taylor of Stevenage has been appointed [Lords Minister for Housing and Local Government](#).

The Secretary of State, Angela Rayner, has launched [a New Homes Accelerator](#) to fast-track housing development.

MHCLG has confirmed that Government will not continue with the consultation on Social Housing Allocations.

MHCLG has published information on the new burdens funding that local authorities will receive for the management of Tenant Satisfaction Measures. A list of local authorities and funding allocations can be found [here](#).

DWP

DWP has published more information on the [closure of Tax Credits for people over State Pension age](#).

DWP has published a revised version of the [Pension Credit toolkit: advice and guidance for stakeholders](#).

DESNZ

The Minister for Energy Consumers has confirmed that landlords will have to meet an EPC C by 2030, pledging to work with social housing providers to achieve the goal.

The Regulator of Social Housing (RSH)

The Regulator of Social Housing has continued to publish regulatory inspection gradings for the social housing sector. An up-to-date list is available [here](#).

Housing Ombudsman (HOS)

HOS has published its latest [learning from severe maladministration report](#), looking at how landlords have responded to window complaints.

Consultations

The Housing Ombudsman currently has open a [Call for Evidence on 'repairing trust' in housing maintenance](#). Deadline for submissions is Friday 25 October.

Research and useful information

The Resolution Foundation has published its [Housing Outlook Q2 2024 report](#), focusing on overcrowding.

Statistics

MHCLG has published [statistics on Right to Buy](#).

DLUHC has published data on the [Building Safety Remediation programme \(July 2024\)](#).

NFA UPDATE

Board Members Event

The **Board Members event** will take place online the mornings of 23 and 24 October. Please save the date.

NFA Schedule of meetings

The NFA has the following officer and TAP meetings over the next few months:

Governance meeting – 12 Sept (10am)

Press & Comms Officers – 17 Sept (10am)

Repairs group – 19 September (10am)

Chief Officers – 25 Sept (face to face)

Tenant Advisory Panel – 2nd Oct (5pm)

Press & Comms "Show and Tell" session on communicating TSM scores – 9 Oct (10am)

Tenant Engagement – 15 Oct (10am)

Finance Directors – 16 Oct (10am)

If you require an invitation link for any of these meetings, please contact Allie Ward: alli.ward@almos.org.uk