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PAS Bulletin

Is it too late to say Happy New Year from PAS? It probably is, but you may have noticed that we've been a bit under the radar recently. We've been quietly helping councils at risk of designation and the final few without a plan. You'll be pleased to know that we are back, and gearing up for what promises to be a very busy Spring.

Firstly we are very pleased to welcome Sara Dilmamode to the team. She brings a wealth of policy experience and also a willingness to communicate in new ways. If you haven't already [you should check out planning TV](#). It's great to have someone in PAS who is not afraid to switch the camera on and get people talking.

Next is the long-awaited Government White Paper on Housing. For us it revolves around three themes:

1. A new planning policy landscape
2. Getting better use out of land
3. Improving delivery

We are holding a regional series of dissemination events in February and March. You'll be able to hear from DCLG officials about the intent of the paper and what it means for you and your council. We will also use your input to create a FAQ as well as begin thinking about sector responses to the consultations. Target audience is heads of planning or their deputy - no charge.

We are also running a subsequent set of smaller workshops, for people who need to understand what the white paper will mean for the production of their plan (and/or CIL). Everybody is keen that the white paper doesn't cause doubt and delay, so we will provide some impartial and expert advice for you. Target audience is head of policy, or equivalent - no charge.

Remember that we didn't know what would be in the white paper, so many bits of our advice and guidance may now be out of date. Use them with caution in the short term - we will let you know when Adam has reviewed them.

Lastly if you want to catch up with PAS and our network of peers around the country it would be lovely to see you at [our annual conference](#). We will be hosting a wide range of talks and discussions with the goal of helping people think through the underlying direction of travel for our sector - and it will help us understand what we should be doing to support you over the next couple of years.

Events

What does the White Paper 2017 mean for you?

The Housing White Paper sets out a series of far reaching planning reforms to speed up housing delivery. These will have a big impact on the way planning services are delivered and specific implications for plan making and development planning practice.

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We are teaming up with DCLG to deliver a series of briefings across the country in late February and March 2017. This kicks off a series of PAS support projects aimed at helping planners get to grips with the changes and the implications for their work.

The PAS Regional White Paper Briefings will provide heads of planning services and team leaders with the opportunity hear from DCLG about the key proposals and the intent behind them, to get a head start on considering what the changes mean for your authority's planning service.

[Book your place](#) (no charge)

PAS Peer Conference 2017: Beyond the White Paper

PAS Conference is all about supporting and building our peer network. While the world focuses on the immediate impacts of the White Paper, we're inviting our officer and councillor peers to join us in going beyond that to look at how resources, policy, development management and politics need to come together now and in the future to deliver an effective planning system.

[Book here](#) (£cost for non-peers and non-subscribers)

For thought

Using the uplift in land value created by a consent to fund infrastructure is not a new idea in planning, but it appears to be difficult to do in practise. Richard Crawley heard the gauntlet thrown down again recently by economic adviser Tim Leunig - do you think you could run "A Call for Sites with a Twist (TM)" ?

[More on the blog here](#)

Other news

Inspired by a conversation with Richard Crawley at PAS about writing good consultant briefs, the team at We Plan London are kicking off their new series "Views from the Otherside" with a video on this topic. In this first instalment Kieron Hyams, Associate at [Ove Arup & Partners](#) and Barry Smith, Head of City Policy and Strategy at [Westminster City Council](#) have a frank discussion about procurement. Their discussion covers a range of issues including what makes a good brief to consultants and what makes a good tender in response. Barry and Kieron also share those secrets the public sector and private sector wish the other side knew about the process.

[Watch their conversation](#)

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