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Building our way out of a crisis

The credit crunch led to the sharpest economic downturn in the UK in many decades. Though the economy has now returned to growth, unemployment remains high and some uncertainty remains about the country's economic future.

This session will explore housing's contribution to support local economic growth, job creation and skills development. Can we build our way out of an economic crisis?

KEY FACTS

- In 2010, the unemployment rate among young adults aged 16 to 24 was 25%. This proportion has been rising since 2004, when it was 12%.
- In 2010 the Office for Budget Responsibility forecast for economic growth was 2.1% in 2011 and 2.6% in 2012.
- On average every unemployed person costs the taxpayer £8,000 per year.
- 1,238 education and skills services and 574 employment and enterprise services were delivered by housing associations during 2006-07.



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BACKGROUND

Before the 2010 general election the previous administration had already indicated that there would be substantial reductions in public spending in the years ahead. The Coalition Government has taken the view that it is necessary to accelerate and deepen the level of these public sector spending cuts in order to reduce levels of government debt, increasing our dependence on economic growth to offset the deep cuts in public expenditure programmes.

Population projections from 2008 also forecast an average annual increase of 232,000 households for the period between 2008 and 2033, creating a clear need for continued building.

With housing providers and house builders being both significant employers and key stakeholders in the communities they operate in, how can house building make a significant economic contribution to those communities while also meeting future housing needs?

UPDATE

Many housing providers have long operated as 'anchors' in the communities they operate in and already run schemes to tackle worklessness and provide skills and opportunities to local residents. The Coalition Government is now promoting a local approach to both the development of new homes and the regeneration of neighbourhoods and communities.

Is there an opportunity for the sector to directly employ and train more local people in house building as a way of also meeting these wider social objectives? This session will explore the potential for house building schemes that benefit the local economy and provide jobs and skills for local residents.

OTHER INFORMATION

Useful CIH resources include:

Tackling Worklessness: A Toolkit is available from the CIH online bookshop
<http://members.cih.org/Bookshop/Catalogue.aspx>

Introduction to Development and Regeneration training
(Birmingham 23 August & London 3 November)
www.cih.org/training/courses/event.php?ID=780

This is a Pact session

Developing the Housing Pact 2011 – Our commitment to deliver the best possible outcomes for communities



Building on the successes of the 2010 Pact, we will:

- Identify the priorities we want local and national government to address
- Make commitments to specific housing practice

Through four main themes which reflect the challenges and opportunities being faced:

- The housing advantage
- New ways of working
- Setting our own course
- Money

To be presented to the Housing Minister at the end of the conference.

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