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May 26, 2016 Newsletter

2016-17 Budget: Where's the investment in housing?

In our press release on the Government budget announcements that we sent out today CHA has asserted that the budget band aids fail to offer a strategic solution for the social and affordable housing crisis.

We are better than this – we know how to deliver warm, safe, affordable housing for all – but we seem to lack the ability to get strong consensus to action across business, politics, the community housing and social services sectors. Why? **Shamubeel Eaqub in this opinion piece** is asking us to think about the right question – and suggests we're facing a crisis of conscience.

There are many solutions – and community housing providers are delivering them every day. We propose what a real action plan would look like in **Our Place** that would scale up our sector to deliver 15,000 more homes over five years. That would triple our sector's size.

This plan, that we're working on with you, connects many dots: access to land at a 'retained affordable' price; access to \$200M of capital annually; long term IRRS contracts for a stable rental income that ensures true affordability to the household; pathways to home ownership; and the list goes on.

What do we think of Peter Dunne's call for a national housing conference – a get together across the political spectrum? Auckland Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse called for a cross-party agreement on housing last year. Minister Bennett got it half right by saying that New Zealand's housing problems are not new.

This train wreck that we're now in has been building over the past 15 years - successive Governments have failed to act boldly enough to

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prevent it. And it is also true that it will take a further 10-15 years before enough solutions kick in to relieve the pain permanently. Which is why we need long-term leadership with deep impact. For Minister Dunne and Deputy Mayor Hulse's idea to work they're going to need to adopt Mr Eaquib's premise – that **we need to restore our conscience and make sure our economy delivers a home for everyone.**

Oh - and when we do get everyone together for that conference – lock the door until there's consensus and a commitment to implement the action plan.

Several pieces caught our eye in the media: An **opinion piece by David Slack** and one by **Vivien Maidaborn Executive Director of UNICEF New Zealand.**

The People's Project: Housing First is the belief that all people deserve to be housed



People sleeping rough is a complex issue but it can be solved when communities and agencies work together; when people work together. This is happening in Hamilton through The People's Project.

Read more about the **People's Project here.**

What do we mean by Housing First?

International evidence demonstrates that it costs less to provide appropriate, secure housing and in-home support, than to continue providing the same person with sporadic, ongoing emergency and institutional assistance.

A Housing First approach prioritises moving people quickly into appropriate housing and then immediately providing access to wrap-around services to address the other issues in their lives.

Last year CHA and Lifewise Trust invited Sam Tsemberis, considered the father of Housing First, to present at the CHA IMPACT 2015 conference in October.

Sam talks about the Housing First approach on [this BBC video](#).

And here's more resources on Housing First:

1. [Housing First fact sheet](#)
2. [Core components of rapid rehousing](#)
4. [Sam Tsemberis presentation to CHA Impact Conference 2015](#)

A Housing First community of practice group has recently established and involves community housing groups who are sharing practice and learning about Housing First in New Zealand.

Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill (No 2)

Public submissions are being invited on this bill.

The Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill (No 2) is a members' bill in the name of Andrew Little. The bill proposes to amend the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. Its intention is to ensure that every rental home in New Zealand meets minimum standards of heating and insulation. Under the bill, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment would set standards that landlords are required to meet.

Submissions should be forwarded by 23 June either [online using the parliamentary website](#) or to **Parliament by mail**.

Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill

Meanwhile the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill passed unanimously through the committee stages of Parliament on 24 May and requires all rental properties to have smoke alarms by 1 July 2016 and be insulated by 1 July 2019. You can find the new regulations administered by MBIE, [under this legislation, here](#).

Community Housing Supply Data survey update

Community Housing Aotearoa is pleased to inform the sector that the Community Housing – Supply Data Survey is underway! Over the

past week we have contacted over 90 organisations requesting their participation. We are very pleased that we have already received responses for over 500 homes. If you provide social or affordable housing and have not received information on the survey, please send us a message. **Responses are requested by 13 June** with the first report available at the end of the month. **CHA staff are available to assist.**

'I've been homeless- I know how it feels'



Danielle Bergin once lived in a car and ate at soup kitchens. Now she's helping the homeless through her Island Child Charitable Trust in Auckland. But it's getting harder and harder, she writes. This opinion piece was prepared for Radio New Zealand News and aired on 23 May. Island Child Charitable Trust is a member of Community Housing Aotearoa. **Read the opinion piece here.**

Job announcements

Te Matapihi seek Manager – closes 3 June

Can you provide the leadership to support the growth and development of the Māori housing sector in Aotearoa New Zealand?

Te Matapihi has created a new manager role to be based in the CHA office either in Pōneke (Wellington) or Tāmaki Makaurau (Auckland). As the Manager of Te Matapihi you will need to have excellent relationship building skills, with the ability to negotiate and influence at the highest level. You will have an understanding of the Māori housing sector and a desire to see it grow. You will need to be a

highly motivated, self-starter with the vision and ability to support the growth of the Māori housing sector.

Here's more information.

Please forward your CV and a covering letter outlining your key skills and experience as they relate to **this role here**.

For all enquiries or to have an informal conversation about the post before applying for the role, please contact Te Matapihi Chairperson Rau Hoskins on 021658019 **or email**.

New appointment to the Otautahi Community Housing Trust

The Trust has recently appointed Cate Kearney as its Chief Executive Officer. Ms Kearney has worked and volunteered in the mental health, addictions and community services sectors for 21 years, including 16 years in leadership positions. Her most recent position was Service Manager for the Canterbury District Health Board's Specialist Mental Health Service. She will take up her new position with the Trust on 13 June 2016.

The Otautahi Community Housing Trust will take over management of Christchurch City Council's social housing service in the second half of this year. The Council remains the owner of its social housing units and proposes to lease them to the Otautahi Community Housing Trust to manage at which time the Trust would become the new landlord for individual tenants.

Training in tender and proposal writing

The Auckland Community Housing Providers Network (ACHPN) are holding a bid writing training on **16 June**. They need a minimum of eight people to run it at the discounted rate of \$500 per person. CHA will pick up venue and catering costs for the day. Plan A is a large, experienced tender writing company with extensive bid writing experience spanning most industries in New Zealand and internationally.

This full-day course gives you unique insights into:

1. What do evaluators look for?
2. Evaluation processes and scoring systems
3. Efficient bid processes
4. Bid strategy development
5. Writing compelling executive summaries
6. Tender templates and document presentation
7. Developing content that differentiates your bid
8. Writing styles, formatting, proofing and editing

- }. Getting the most out of your tender reviews
- 0. Rush jobs

Read more [here](#). If you are interested in taking part contact [Hope](#).

Joint Community Housing Aotearoa/Australasian Housing Institute: 2016 Professional Development Calendar

Month/Date	Event	Location	Duration
June			
9	AHI: Networking Event (1) – P-Labs	Wellington	2 ½ hrs
28	AHI: Networking Event (2) – Alan Johnson	Auckland	2 ½ hrs
July			
13	CHA: Best Practice Guide to Accreditation (1/2)	Auckland	TBC
TBC	CHA: Social Housing Finance	Wellington	TBC
August			
11	CHA: Best Practice Guide to Accreditation (2/2)	CHCH	TBC
TBC	CHA: Social Housing Finance	CHCH	TBC
23	AHI: Networking Event (3)	CHCH	2 ½ hrs
September			
22	AHI: Tenant Engagement seminar	Wellington	
29-1 Oct	National Maori Housing Conference	Tauranga	
November			
29 tbc	AHI: Professional Practice Seminar: Mixed Tenure	Auckland	
29	AHI: Networking Event (4)	Auckland	
December			
tbc	AHI: Networking Event (5) – Christmas	Wellington	

Go here for any [CHA events](#) and here for [AHI events](#) . See below for other professional development opportunities.

New community fund open

Community and Voluntary Sector Minister Jo Goodhew recently announced that social enterprise and community sector leadership organisations can now apply for grants under the Community Leadership Fund – Hapori Whakatipu. “The new contestable fund provides up to \$500,000 annually to support the development of community sector leadership and social enterprise. The priorities of the fund are to support collaboration and connection across social enterprise, volunteering, and community led-development. Applications for the Community Leadership Fund - Hapori Whakatipu

run until 15 June 2016. More information and resources, including funding criteria, are available [here](#).

Events

BRANZ seminars in June

Detailing or construction that is incorrect can have significant implications on the performance of the completed building. Many design and construction issues that arise could have been addressed if that design or construction was questioned. [Go here to see the dates of the BRANZ seminars being held over June.](#)



June 15- Auckland sustainable housing summit 2016

June 17- Christchurch sustainable housing summit 2016



24-26 July - Local Government New Zealand Conference- Dunedin

28-29 July - Affordable housing development summit in Wellington

29-1 Oct National Maori Housing Conference Tauranga - save the date

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