

## Course Content

'It is not the strongest of the species that survive, not the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change' – Charles Darwin

If you let property to Local Housing Allowance (LHA) tenants then this event is not to be missed?

Bill Irvine will share his wealth of knowledge and experience of Housing Benefit issues and will specifically address the recent LHA changes to the Shared Room Rate and, more importantly, the multitude of forthcoming changes to LHA caused by the Welfare Reforms legislation!

- How will the new system work?
- Who will administer it; DWP or Councils or both?
- How will the benefit be paid?
- Will the "safeguarding" provisions remain?

With this new knowledge, you will be able to put plans in place to adapt to these changes and reduce the potential financial impact on your cash-flow!

## Tutor: Bill Irvine

Bill recently spoke at the NLA's conference in Manchester about the forthcoming changes. His presentation caused quite a stir amongst the audience of property managers and investors. He has written some articles highlighting what's likely to happen for YPN and others. He has been at the forefront of written exchanges and discussions with Government Ministers and the DWP for the past 2 years. He routinely represents the interests of Social and Private Landlords, Letting Agents, and tenants at Tribunals and prosecutes complaints through the Local Government Ombudsman producing some very interesting and favourable results. With the help of his unique knowledge and advocacy skills, landlords, agents, and tenants are exercising their rights and securing successes at different levels, throughout the UK.

Bill was Head of Benefits, Revenues & Advice Services at one of the UK's largest councils and Local Government Advisor to the DWP/LA Housing Benefit Standing Committee, Westminster. He also gave written and oral evidence to the LHA Inquiry, Westminster in January 2010 with some of his recommendations about making the first payment to landlords by cheque being adopted as "best practice".

## Booking

If you are keen to organise a seminar or attend an advertised event please register your interest through phoning us on 01698 424301 or e-mailing Bill at [bill.irvine@welfare-reforms-advice.co.uk](mailto:bill.irvine@welfare-reforms-advice.co.uk) and we'll contact you to confirm your place.

If you have any questions about the event contact us.