**Kent Housing Group Affordability Workshop**

**Tuesday 8th November 2016 9.30am – 1.00pm**

**AGENDA**

*Tea and coffee will be available with registration between 9.15am – 9.30am*

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| Welcome an introductions – **Eileen Martin, Chair of Kent Housing Group** | 9.30am |
| Background to the event including Welfare Reform and the impacts on housing applicants across Kent – **William Benson, Chief Executive, Tunbridge Wells BC** | 9.35am |
| Introduction to Workshop 1 – **William Benson**  **Affordability:**  An interactive session to review a common set of principles for Kent and Medway on the use of an affordability calculator. (Please see the draft Affordability Principles Paper).  Consider how we include and make best use of Kent Homechoice to help applicants? | 9.45am |
| Workshop 1 – Round Table Discussions | 9.50am – 10.20am |
| Introduction to Workshop 2 – **Eileen Martin, Chair of Kent Housing Group**  **Housing solutions for the single under 35 year old applicants with housing need:**  Presentation from St Vincent’s re SnugBug.  Consider solutions for applicants impacted by the shared room rate?  What could good model for Kent look like and what good practice is there to consider in the management of models of shared accommodation? | 10.20am |
| Workshop 2 – Round Table Discussions | 10.40am – 11.10am |
| **BREAK** | 11.10am – 11.30am |
| Background Update – What is the current position on Temporary Accommodation across Kent – **Tracey Kerly, Chief Executive, Ashford BC** | 11.30am |
| Introduction to Workshop 3 – **Tracey Kerly, Chief Executive Ashford BC**  **The Welsh Model of prevention of homelessness**:  What is the wider role of all providers and agencies to prevent homelessness, reduce numbers placed in TA as a result of homelessness? | 11.40am |
| Workshop 3 – Round Table Discussions | 11.45am – 12.15pm |
| Feedback and questions | 12.15pm – 12.45pm |
| **Next Steps and close at 1pm** | 12.45pm - 1.00pm |