

# Apply to join CIH's Policy Advisory Committee



As we prepare for a change of government, we're seeking up to four new members to join our Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and help steer CIH's policy and external affairs over the coming years.

The Policy Advisory Committee is an important sounding board for the England policy team. It meets around four times a year (mix of in person and virtual), with further meetings arranged if needed.

As a member of PAC you would:

- Help us develop and review our housing policy ideas and positions
- Scan a fast-changing landscape and contribute your ideas to inform how we influence better outcomes for housing and related public policy - this includes responding to government proposals, spotting possible changes in the policy environment and opportunities to shape the housing sector's future
- Advise us on how to frame and deliver our messages to achieve maximum impact.

In return, you will have a great opportunity to gain insight from other experts, extend your professional network, develop your knowledge of different policy areas, and increase your awareness of issues affecting different parts of the country.

We're looking for people with diverse backgrounds and experiences, so whether you're a CEO or a front-line housing officer we'd love to hear from you if you can demonstrate a good understanding of the context within which different parts of the housing sector operate and expertise and experience in housing management and/or strategy.

Based on the current experience of the group we would particularly welcome new members with experience of:

- Housing development
- Housing finance
- Housing management
- Working in a large local authority

CIH is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion so we particularly welcome applications from BME members.

For an informal chat about the roles or to find out more, please contact Rachael Williamson, head of policy and external affairs, or James Prestwich, director of policy and external affairs at [rachael.williamson@cih.org](mailto:rachael.williamson@cih.org) and [james.prestwich@cih.org](mailto:james.prestwich@cih.org)

## How to apply

Please send the following to [policyandpractice@cih.org](mailto:policyandpractice@cih.org) by 5 July.

- A short covering letter setting out why you are interested in joining the policy advisory committee, the skills, qualities and experience you can bring, and how you meet the person specification elements set out at annex A
- Your CV, including your preferred contact details. We will then be in touch to discuss further.



# Annex A

## Role description

- Actively participate in PAC meetings
- Contribute to policy development and refinement
- Help develop links throughout CIH, including with regional groups
- Be an ambassador for CIH
- Consider all matters in a non-prejudicial manner and declare any financial interests, potential sources of conflict or perceived duality of interest.

## Person specification

You will:

- Be an active member of CIH and have a broad understanding of public policy and the context within which different parts of the housing sector operate
  - Have expertise and experience of one or more specific disciplines or policy areas
  - Have relevant and/or transferable experience in the private, public or not-for profit sectors
  - Have an appreciation of the tactics and choices available to an organisation aiming to influence government and public policy
  - Be able to quickly absorb and understand detailed information
  - Be able to constructively challenge where change is needed and offer recommendations for improvement
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