

# Focus on Influencing

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The winners of the Chartered Institute of Housing's (CIH) annual Scotland Housing Awards were announced at a special ceremony last month at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Glasgow.



The Scotland Housing Awards recognise the creativity, passion and innovation of housing organisations and individuals across the sector and this year's awards received over 120 nominations across 17 categories, including housing team of the year, excellence in delivering homelessness services, and excellence in the private rented sector.

The standard of application this year, as in previous years, was extremely high and is a testament to the great work and innovation happening throughout Scotland's housing sector every day.

All shortlisted entries for the Scotland Housing Awards have also been included in our 2022 [Good Practice Compendium](#) a core learning document full of inspiration, ideas, and innovation to help everyone across the sector create a future where everyone has a place to call home.



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## Influencing

### Our Influencing work

#### Cross Party Group on Housing

CIH Scotland took part in a sub-group of the Cross Party Group on Housing tasked with developing a report on rent control options to inform the Scottish Government's commitment to introducing rent control in the private rented sector during this parliamentary term. The report explores various forms of rent control, setting out potential challenges and consequences for the Scottish market. The report was launched at the Cross Party Group's AGM, attended by Patrick Harvie MSP, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights. Read the report [here](#).



#### National Care Service

Ashley Campbell, policy and practice manager at CIH Scotland, was invited to give evidence to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill as introduced. Read our written submission [here](#). Watch the Committee session [here](#).

#### Accessible Housing and Independent Living

CIH Scotland has been invited to join a newly formed Scottish Government stakeholder group which amalgamates the existing Age Home and Community Advisory Group and Accessible Housing Group. It will advise on relevant commitments within Housing to 2040.

## Human Rights Budgeting

Callum Chomczuk, national director at CIH Scotland, gave evidence to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on the role of human rights budgeting.

Read the transcript of the evidence [here](#).

## Affordability

CIH Scotland attended the second of the Scottish Government working group meetings on a shared understanding of affordability. The group is chaired by Ken Gibb and is looking at commissioning focus group research to gather further perspectives and viewpoints to inform the working group's discussion and help frame the shared understanding.

# Latest from CIH

## A round up of some of our latest news, policy, blogs and publications

### CIH Scotland calls for more support to deliver homes in remote and rural areas

Responding to the Scottish Government's consultation on Land Reform in a Net Zero Nation, CIH Scotland has welcomed new measures which increase transparency over

land ownership and use, but has raised concerns over how easy it will be for some to take advantage of these new rights.

Read more [here](#). Read the consultation response [here](#).

### University of Glasgow housing student wins CIH Malcolm Smith Award

University of Glasgow housing student Nicky Imrie has received a prestigious award for her work outlining the importance of homelessness and help with housing costs as key drivers for UK housing policy change. Ms Imrie, who is studying for an MSc in housing studies, was awarded the Malcolm Smith Memorial Award by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH). The accolade, judged anonymously, is given for the best piece of work, with a focus on housing law and policy, during the last academic year by a student in Scotland. Read more [here](#).

### Consultation briefing: A new dementia strategy

The Scottish Government has launched a national conversation to inform a new National Dementia Strategy. This briefing summarises what's in the consultation. Download the briefing [here](#). CIH Scotland will be developing a response to the consultation and we are keen to hear your views - take our short survey [here](#).



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