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## **Building Homes Network: Financing your scheme**

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**Councils are the natural home of social house building but with a lack of building for decades they need time to improve capacity. The reasons are:**

- **Land** – councils are large land owners.
- **Money** – councils have potential to borrow money at a cheaper rate.
- **Viability** – improving the viability of schemes.
- **Need** – councils have not only a moral obligation but can also find ways of cost saving through provision for housing the homeless in permanent rather than temporary accommodation and can develop different housing models such as older persons dwellings.
- **Planning** – there is potential for this process to be speeded up through having members on board.
- **Trust** – with councils not having built for decades this has to be improved but there is potential for communities and councils to develop better relationships and trust.
- **Some of the challenges faced are how to choose the best delivery option;** the mix and match of approaches (flexibility vs complexity); integrated client and delivery management; governance and political challenges and anticipating and adapting to future changes.

### **Speakers:**

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**Attendees: 26**