



North West Housing Law Practitioners *present*
NORTHERN HOUSING CONFERENCE

25 October 2011

with Colin Henderson, Robert Latham, Mark Robinson, Anne Seex & James Stark

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Mechanics Centre, 103 Princess Street, Major Street Entrance, Manchester, M1 6DD

NWHLPG's annual conference will again deliver a day of authoritative updates and commentary from a range of leading practitioners experienced in housing law. This year's panel of speakers will include:

Colin Henderson is solicitor at CAB South Lakeland and one of the co-ordinators of "ilegal" the online forum for legal aid professionals, and has a breadth of knowledge about civil legal aid. His online contributions and his campaigning within the profession have led to him being a leading contributor in the fight against legal aid cuts and the manner of their introduction.

Robert Latham is a barrister at Doughty Street Chambers and head of the Housing and Social Welfare team there. He is an acknowledged expert in homelessness and the allocation of social housing. He also specialises in administrative law, discrimination and human rights. He was named Legal Aid Barrister of the Year in 2008. He has been involved in a number of the leading cases including *Kay v UK* (ECtHR 37341/06, 21.9.10) - written representations made on behalf of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, *Ravichandran v Lewisham LBC* [2010] EWCA Civ 775; [[2010] HLR 42 - the leading authority on discharge of housing duty under Part 7 Housing Act 1996 and *R (Ahmad) v Newham LBC* [2009] UKHL 14; [2009] HLR 31 - the leading authority on the requirements of a lawful allocations scheme under Part 6 Housing Act 1996.

Mark Robinson is a housing editor for the Adviser, a Shelter trainer and a former Shelter solicitor. His court of appeal case *Barnsley MBC v Norton* [2011] established that a local authority's public sector duty to take into account a disabled persons disabilities applied when carrying out any function.

Anne Seex is one of the three the local government ombudsmen, and is based in York. Before becoming Local Government Ombudsman in 2005, Anne had over 25 years' experience working in various roles in local government.

James Stark has been described by Chambers & Partners as one of the leading lights for social housing work in the region and attracts widespread praise for his expertise in housing law. He has been involved in a number of leading cases including *Manchester City Council v Pinnock* [2010] UKSC 45 (proportionality), and *R v Manchester Crown Court ex parte McCann* [2003] IAC 787; [2002] UKHL 39 (Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, ASBOs).

PROGRAMME *times may vary*

- 9.30 - 10.00 *Registration and coffee*
- 10.00 - 11.15 *The Localism Bill and the year ahead - Robert Latham*
- 11.15 - 11.30 *Tea/Coffee*
- 11.30 - 12.30 *The Equality Act one year on - Mark Robinson*
- 12.30 - 1.30 *Lunch*
- 1.30 - 2.15 *Top 10 housing law cases of the last year - James Stark and Ben McCormack*
- 2.15 - 3.15 *How to make a complaint - Anne Seex*
- 3.15 - 3.30 *Tea/Coffee*
- 3.30 - 4.45 *The legal aid debate - how to survive in the brave new world - featuring a panel of practitioners including Jacky White (Shelter), Colin Henderson (ilegal and South Lakes CAB), Ben Taylor (Glaisyers) and Robert Latham (Doughty Street)*

This event will carry 5.5 CPD points.

COST

£100 Solicitors and Barristers, £50 not for profit sector (all inclusive of refreshments and lunch).

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