



Terms of Reference

SEQM Environmental Best Practice Group for Social Housing Providers

Aim of the group

The aim of the Best Practice Group is to help Social Housing Providers to identify and tackle environmental issues arising from their operations, such as the management, provision and maintenance of housing stock.

We hope that this 'melting pot' of ideas will help to demystify this often complicated field of and encourage a nationally aligned and collective progress towards environmental best practice.

Objectives of the group

To address the above aim the group has the following objectives:

- Objective 1: To provide a forum for sharing environmental best practice
- Objective 2: To help to reduce environmental impacts and reduce costs
- Objective 3: To explore the best methods to engage the community on environmental issues
- Objective 4: To encourage a cooperative and enthusiastic approach to environmental management
- Objective 5: To improve environmental performance based on experience and lessons learned in order to continuously improve

The objectives can be addressed individually or in combination, depending on the individual needs of the members.

Membership and costs

The group is open to any type of Social Housing Provider, including Housing Associations, Arms-Length Management Organisations (ALMOs), Trusts, Co-operatives or Companies.

Costs will not be incurred at any point for the privilege of this membership and the facilities it provides.

We hope you and organisation you represent will stay informed and involved with the group during these challenging times for Social Housing Providers, but if you should wish to cancel your membership at any point you can do this by notifying us in writing.

Although the membership is free, SEQM Ltd is a consultancy and training organisation. SEQM can provide you and your organisation with additional tools and expertise specific to your organisation in order to achieve environmental best practice and eventually, environmental excellence. These services are outside the scope of the Best Practice Group and SEQM will not use the group to advertise any such services.

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SEQM Environmental Best Practice Group for Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)

Facilities for Members

- Workshops will be held bi-annually, where members are invited to attend to discuss environmental issues and share experiences and lessons learned in order to overcome problems.
- Various tools and information to facilitate the sharing of best practice by providing case studies, exercises, guest presentations and general information to the group using a variety of media.
- Exclusive discounts on SEQM environmental training, please contact us to discuss this further.
- Certificate as proof of membership
- Official recognition of membership on the SEQM website

Membership Requirements

Members should support the Best Practice Group by:

- Reading and considering any correspondence relating to the group
- Attending workshops and events whenever possible
- Use the group to share best practice where appropriate and maintain a cooperative approach to tackling these issues
- To sign the confidentiality agreement between your organisation and SEQM Ltd
- To agree to the Terms of Reference set out in this document

The above Terms of Reference have been agreed by:



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