

HDN Board Excellence Programme 2021/22

Group Development Session 5

Mergers, acquisitions and strategic partnerships for shared services and cost sharing, and In Depth Assessments

Date: Thursday 28th April 2022

Time: 17.00 – 19.30, including a short refreshment break

Venue: On line

Join Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82686943484?pwd=RnFINWNPZENTzjhBZFcwZHV3bldHUT09>

Guest Speakers:

Gemma Bell, Partner and Sharon Thandi, Solicitor, Devonshires Solicitors
Kieran Timmins, Vice Chair, Cobalt Housing

Aim:

- To support Board Members to think through opportunities and risks of mergers, shared services and other strategic partnership opportunities
- To support Board Members to understand the practicalities and processes of the Regulator's In-Depth Assessment, from a Board perspective
- To develop skills in new areas to challenge and ask questions

Learning Objectives:

- Demystify the value and efforts required to build strategic alliances, mergers, demergers and acquisitions and recognise responsibilities in this context for good governance and assurance
- Build Board Members confidence in their approach to a Regulatory assessment
- Support ideas and thinking on use Board Member skills
- Build confidence in Board Members through skills sharing

17.00	Arrivals	
17.00 – 17.10 Introduction to the evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introductions • Purpose 	Mick Warner, HDN Associate
17.10 – 18.00 Mergers, acquisitions and strategic partnerships for shared services and cost sharing	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration/partnership options and rationale • Shared services • Joint procurement and development partnerships • Buying in services • Joint ventures • Other costs saving options 	Gemma and Sharon
18.00 - 18.20 Q&A	Question and Answer Session	Gemma and Sharon
18.20 – 18.30	Refreshment Break	
18.30 – 19.00 In Depth Assessments – a Board Member perspective	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is an In Depth Assessment? • How are Board Members involved? • Top tips for regulatory assessment 	Kieran
19.00 – 19.20 Q&A	Question and Answer Session	Kieran and Mick
19.20 – 19.30 Review of this evening's session	Feedback and discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will I take back to my Board? • Am I more confident to ask questions if a merger, partnership or acquisition was proposed at my Board? • Am I more confident to engage in my organisation's In Depth Assessment? 	All
19.30 Close	<p style="text-align: center;">Next meeting, Thursday 9th June 2022, 17.00 to 19.30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Consumer Regulation and Policy Gazing with National Housing Federation and the National Federation of ALMOs</p>	Yvonne Davies