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LGNZ and the Ministry of Social Development invite you to to send a representative to a workshop to identify options for supporting local government's role as a provider and enabler of social housing. The workshop is scheduled for:

Wednesday 24 October: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm Ministry of Social Development 56 The Terrace, Level 1 reception Wellington

The workshop is to assist officials at MSD provide advice to the Government on options for supporting the role that councils currently play in social housing and may wish to play in the future. Participants will have a unique opportunity to work with government officials to identify and develop specific measures that will enable councils to not only sustain their social housing portfolios but also expand them if that was their wish. Officials expect to be providing advice to minister before the end of this year. We expect the workshop to consider the following:

- Outline the project's purpose and objectives;
- Discuss some of the wider policy issues/context, such as: the government's strategic housing priorities, a growing elderly population and funding constraints on local and central government;
- Test some assumptions and initial thinking about the future role that councils could play, and the rationale for this role (drawing on survey responses);
- Discuss the opportunities for and constraints associated with greater Council provision
- Agree next steps.

Discussions will be informed by the results of the social housing survey that has been sent to councils and is designed to identify councils' long term aspirations in this area.

If your council wishes to send a representative please contact Mike Reid at mike.reid@lgnz.co.nz by Monday 15 October. We expect attendees to be mostly officials working in the housing space and it would also be relevant to elected members with a housing portfolio.

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