



# Property Portfolio Management: The Importance of Asset Management

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#### The N.I. Housing Executive

- Established in 1971 as NI's comprehensive strategic housing authority
- Inherited 150,000 properties from predecessors
- Stock peaked at c.200,000 in late 1970s
- 118,000 dwellings sold to sitting tenants
- 79,000 new homes built
- New build programme transferred to Housing Associations in late 1990s
- Current stock = circa 86,500
- Annual maintenance & investment programme of £185m







#### Asset Management Strategy

- Ensures that the land and buildings asset base of an organisation is optimally structured in the best corporate interest of the organisation
- Seeks to align the asset base with the organisation's corporate goals and objectives
- Sits alongside other high level strategies People, IT, Procurement, Accommodation etc.
- Provides strategic direction for operational activities







#### Asset Management Strategy

- Stock Condition Survey provides information on the condition of the stock and what type & cost of investment is required to achieve and maintain the required standard of housing
- Asset Performance Evaluation provide information on whether investment represents value for money in terms of assets future financial and social sustainability:
  - Identifies drivers of performance
  - Challenges the need to invest in all stock
  - Key to effective asset management by enabling critical decisions of where and in what to invest















#### The building blocks

- Asset Register (Appropriate IT System)
- Asset Data
- type, condition, costs, value, need
- Investment Standard
- Compliance/H&S/landlord obligations, emerging policy/direction, other things we would like to do?
- Investment decisions methodology
- Age, condition, sustainability, asset performance
- Timescale
- Funding















#### Out-workings of the Strategy

- Investment Plan
- Option Appraisals programme
  - Regeneration
  - Conversion
  - Demolition
  - Sale
  - Transfer
- Acquisition programme
- New build programme







#### **Asset Performance Evaluation**

- Financial
  - 30 year NPV of projected costs and income (i.e. repairs/ investment/management vs rents/service charges)
- Non-Financial
  - Weighting & Scoring of indicators reflecting our objectives
  - Better homes: housing demand, Fuel Poverty, house sales
  - Quality services: under occupation, arrears, turnover, resident satisfaction
  - Vibrant Communities: satisfaction, community engagement, ASB, deprivation, access to services
- Creates a matrix which provides a directional tool for decisions about future action



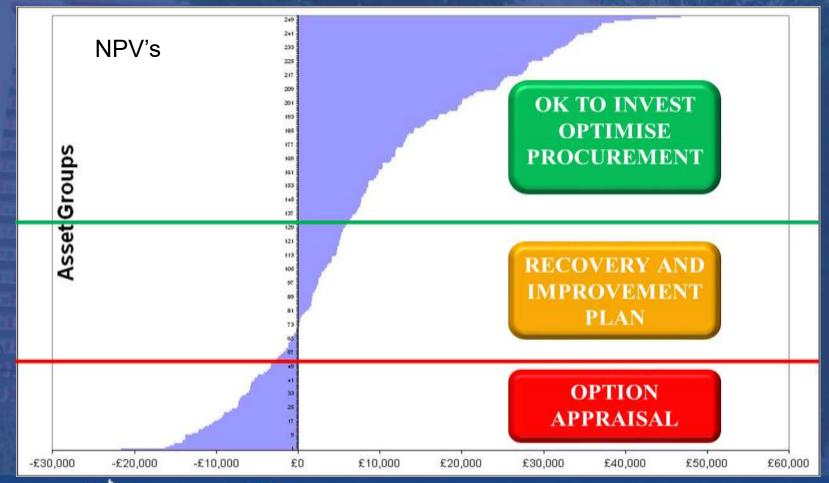
























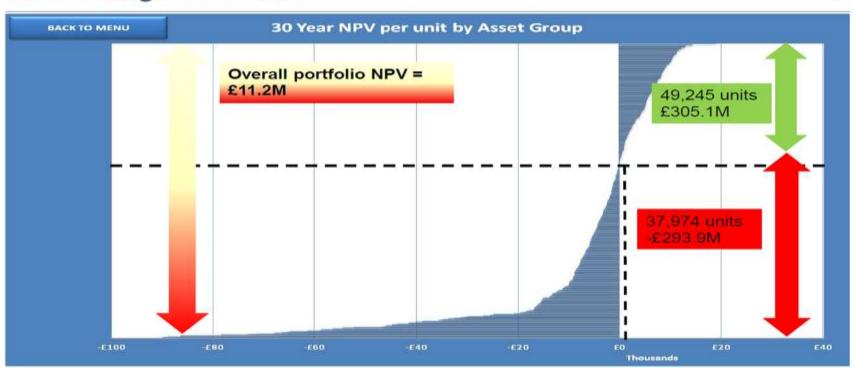






NPV Range - Overall





Source: Savills APE May 2015









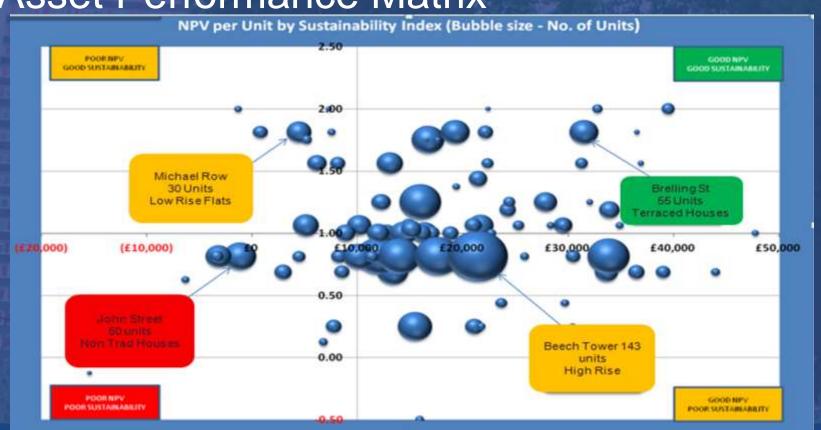








#### **Asset Performance Matrix**

















## Stock Condition Survey



- Frequency on Five Year Cycle (Externally Validated)
- Can Use in House or Contracted Resource
- Can be Based on % of Archetypes
- Data Collected from Predefined Survey Strategy on Key Elemental Components
- Must Have Provision For Storage & Updating of Data





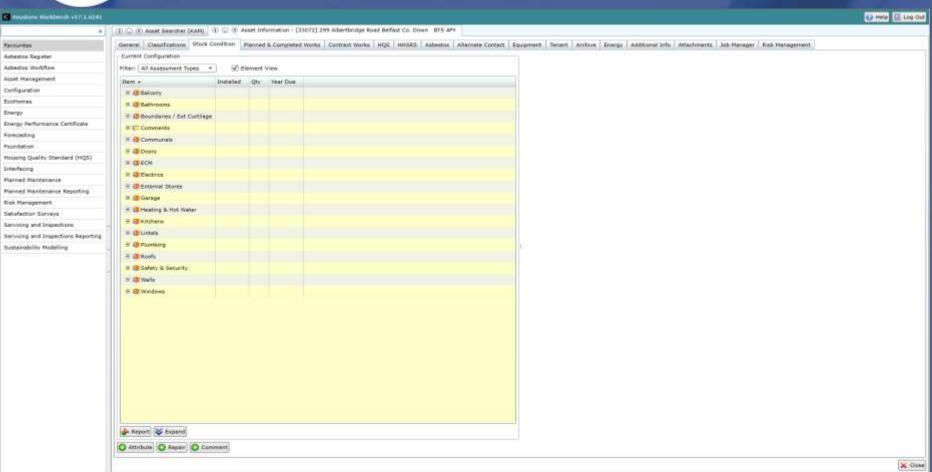
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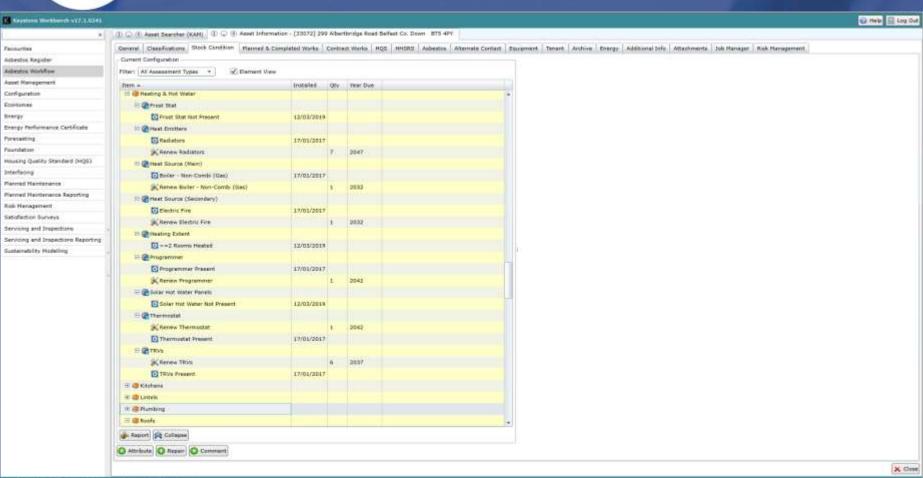
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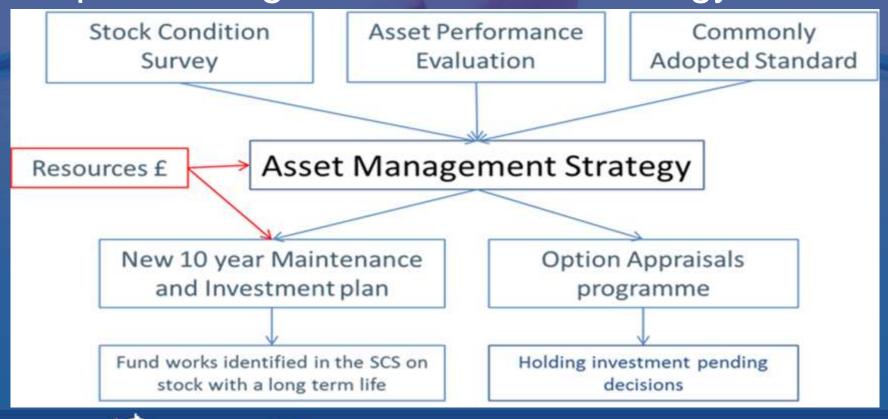






## Investment & Sinking Fund Housing

#### Implementing an Investment Strategy

















## Investment & Sinking Fund Housing

#### 30 Year Investment Requirements

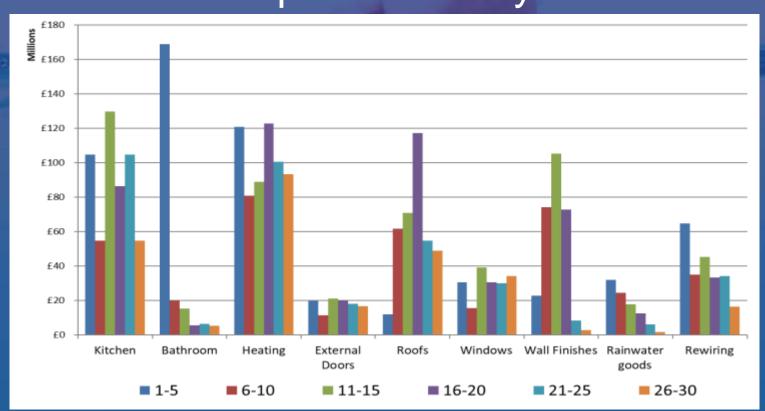
Summary of All Costs									
Description	Years 1 to 5	Years 6 to 10	Years 11 to 15	Years 16 to 20	Years 21 to 25	Years 26 to 30	Total		
Programmed Renewals	£935,347,695	£585,199,868	£727,895,668	£633,706,093	£461,824,173	£354,779,098	£3,698,752,594		
Tower Block Structural	£35,390,335	£0	£1,078,405	£0	£1,078,405	£0	£37,547,145		
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Related Assets	£12,199,992	£10,807,525	£8,976,716	£8,450,787	£7,396,132	£7,006,079	£54,837,230		
Environmental Improvements	£43,729,500	£43,729,500	£43,729,500	£43,729,500	£43,729,500	£43,729,500	£262,377,000		
Response/Cyclical/Void	£325,832,461	£325,832,461	£325,832,461	£325,832,461	£325,832,461	£325,832,461	£1,954,994,765		
Painting and Repairs	£96,523,500	£65,594,250	£65,594,250	£65,594,250	£65,594,250	£65,594,250	£424,494,750		
Asbestos	£15,000,000	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£40,000,000		
Fire Related Work	£10,000,000	£5,000,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£2,500,000	£25,000,000		
Aids and Adaptations	£31,501,258	£31,501,258	£31,501,258	£31,501,258	£31,501,258	£31,501,258	£189,007,548		
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Total per Annum	£301,500,748	£215,248,352	£242,734,351	£223,763,430	£189,372,736	£167,495,789	£223,352,568		





## Investment & Sinking Fund Housing

#### Investment Requirements By Elements







#### Financial Modelling

- Income from Rent, Loans & Other Sources
- Payment of all overheads e.g. debt, salaries, accommodation, development projects etc.
- Investment Monies Available
  - Response
  - Voids
  - Cyclical
  - Planned
- Future Investment Required Based on SCS





## Health & Safety



#### Compliance

- Understand what your Statutory and Regulatory Requirements are
- Appropriate Polices and Procedures in place
- Key Roles and Responsibilities Clearly Identified
- Appropriate Training to Duty Holders
- Ensure Regular Reporting to Board/SMT along with Risk Level
- Relevant Systems in Place to Monitor Performance & Contractors and Audit of Compliance
- Relevant Budgets







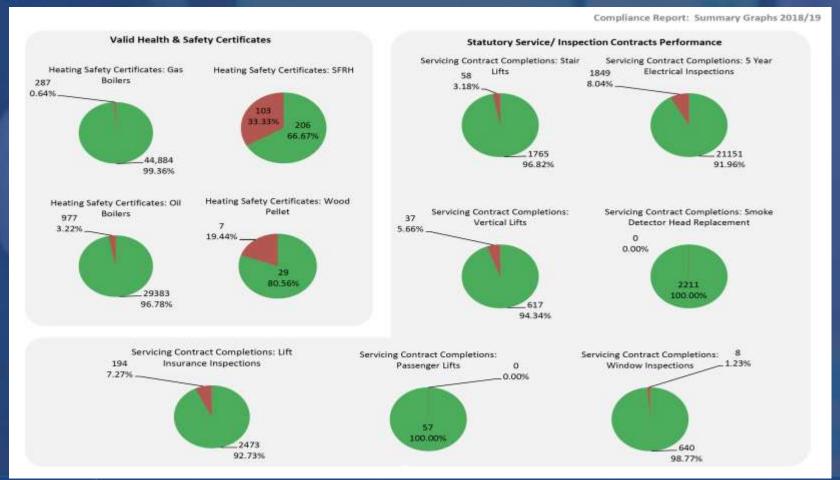






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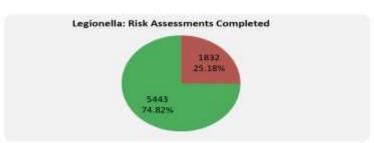


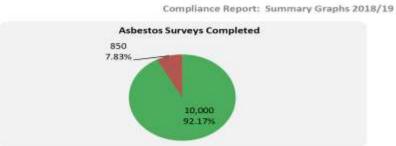




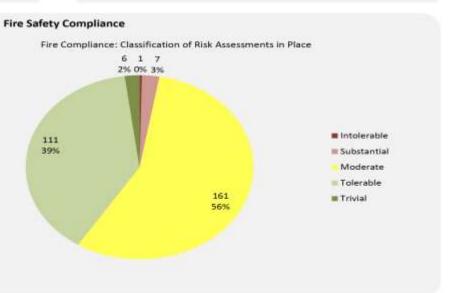
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### Repairs & Maintenance



- Repairs & Maintenance Polices & Procedures
- Tenant Engagement/Consultation & Commitments
- Service Standards
  - Response Maintenance
  - Cyclical Maintenance
  - Planned Maintenance
- Annual Investment Plan
- Procurement Strategy
- Contract Monitoring
- Regular Reporting, Budget Management





## Void Management



- Have a Robust Void Policy & Procedures in Place
- Agree Void Letting Standard
- Have Appropriate Void Repair Categories
- Be Proactive when a Property is Terminated with Notice
- Have Weekly Void Meetings With Contractor
- Prioritise Voids to Reduce Loss of Rental Income
- Monitor Rent Loss and Key to Key Times
- Do as Much Work when the Tenant is in
- Allocate Appropriate Budget and Monitor on Weekly Basis





## Risk Management



#### **Asset Risks**

- Funding
- Procurement
- Contractors
- Compliance
- Staffing





## Social Heart with a Business Head



















#### Final Thoughts

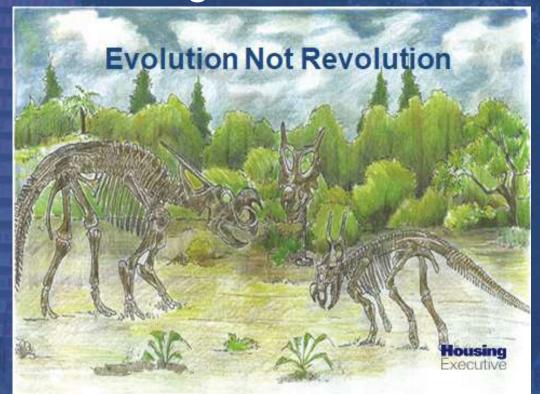
- Importance of understanding the information
- Need to maintain and manage the data
- Regularly review the underlying assumptions (3 years)
- No underestimating the challenges in changing course
- Important to have the right people with the right skills in the right place
- Include the Tenants in your Decision Making
- Don't lose sight of why we're doing this Maintaining Our Assets & Building Sustainable communities





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Final, Final Thoughts!!!









## Questions?

