



Sustainable building tops agenda at Housing conference

Ensuring all future house building in the UK is low carbon and energy efficient was the main topic of discussion at the Annual General Meeting of Norwich based housing association, Cotman Housing.

Keynote speaker and low carbon expert, Dr. Keith Tovey from the University of East Anglia addressed the issue of sustainability of building and occupying homes in the future and its impact on the planet.

Cotman Housing is one of best known providers of affordable homes in Norwich and Norfolk. Its AGM conference is one of the organisation's highlights and this year was held at Dunston Hall.

Chief Executive, Vivien Farrow, said: "Dr. Tovey was an inspiration and gave the audience plenty to think about. Building development is a major part of our plans and it is vital that we make all new homes as efficient as possible. We take low carbon emissions very seriously at Cotman and work very closely with developers to ensure we are meeting all the guidelines."

Dr. Tovey also spoke about how everyone can help the planet in the most simple ways such as hanging washing out to dry on sunny days rather than using tumble dryers, supplementing traditional heating with the use of solar panels and not leaving electrical equipment on standby.

The AGM also saw the end of an era for two of the Cotman Housing's longest serving board members. Antoinette Faulkner and Ray Thompson both stepped down at the meeting. Mrs Faulkner has served on the board for 15 years and is both a past chairman and vice-chairman of the Association.

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