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**Thursday 30 May 2013, Merchant's Hall, 22 Hanover Street, Edinburgh**

**09:30 Registration**

10.00 Welcome from the Chair

**John Blackwood, Director, Scottish Association of Landlords**

10.10 MINISTERIAL ADDRESS – Launch of the Strategy for the PRS + Q & A

**Margaret Burgess MSP, Housing & Welfare Minister, Scottish Government**

10.40 Private rented sector: unlocking the potential

**Gordon MacRae, Head of Communications and Policy, Shelter Scotland**

**10:55 Refreshments**

**Recent developments in the private rented sector**

11.25 Tenant information packs

**Barry Stalker, Private Rented Housing Policy Team Leader, Scottish Government**

11.35 RentingScotland.org – using the web to engage tenants and landlords

**Conrad Rossouw, Digital Manager, Shelter Scotland**

11.45 Tenancy deposit schemes – landlord and tenant awareness

**Rebecca Johnston, Head of Operations, Safe Deposits Scotland**

12.00 Round table discussion: What are the challenges currently facing the private rented sector? What one initiative would tackle this?

Each table to put forward: two challenges, and the one thing they would do to address this.

12.35 Round table feedback and Q & A

**Barry Stalker (Scottish Government), Rebecca Johnston (Safe Deposits Scotland), Gordon MacRae (Shelter Scotland)**

**12:55 Lunch**

**Safeguarding the future of the private rented sector**

13.40 Welfare reform: implications for the private rented sector  
**Alan Sinclair, Welfare Reform Manager, City of Edinburgh Council**

13.55 The implications of a housing tribunal for Scotland  
**Tom Mullen, Professor of Law, Glasgow University**

14.10 OFT report on private lettings market and its follow on work  
**Hannah Frodsham, Assistant OFT Representative in Scotland**

14.25 Panel session: How can we safeguard the future of the private rented sector?

**Alan Sinclair (City of Edinburgh Council), Tom Mullen (Glasgow University), Hannah Frodsham (OFT)**

**14.45 Refreshments**

15.00 Improving housing quality in the private rented sector  
**Stephen McGowan, Housing Strategy Manager, Glasgow City Council**

15:15 Improving energy efficiency in the private rented sector  
**David Weatherall, Housing Strategy Manager, Energy Savings Trust**

15.30 Working together for warmer, safer homes  
**Jo Chapman, Director of Landlord Services, Scottish Gas**

15.45 Panel session: improving housing quality in the private rented sector  
**David Weatherall (Energy Saving Trust), Jo Chapman (Scottish Gas), Stephen McGowan (Glasgow City Council)**

16.00 Chair's summing up  
**John Blackwood, Director, Scottish Association of Landlords**

16.10 Questions and discussion

16.15 End of conference