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# Taking Housing Systems Seriously: Needs, Demand and Beyond

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#### Introduction



- Vienna and Austrian Housing Contribution
- What is going on in the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE)?
- Systems-thinking and the Housing System
- From systems to HNDAs
- Key Takeaways and Checklists

# Housing in Vienna and Austria

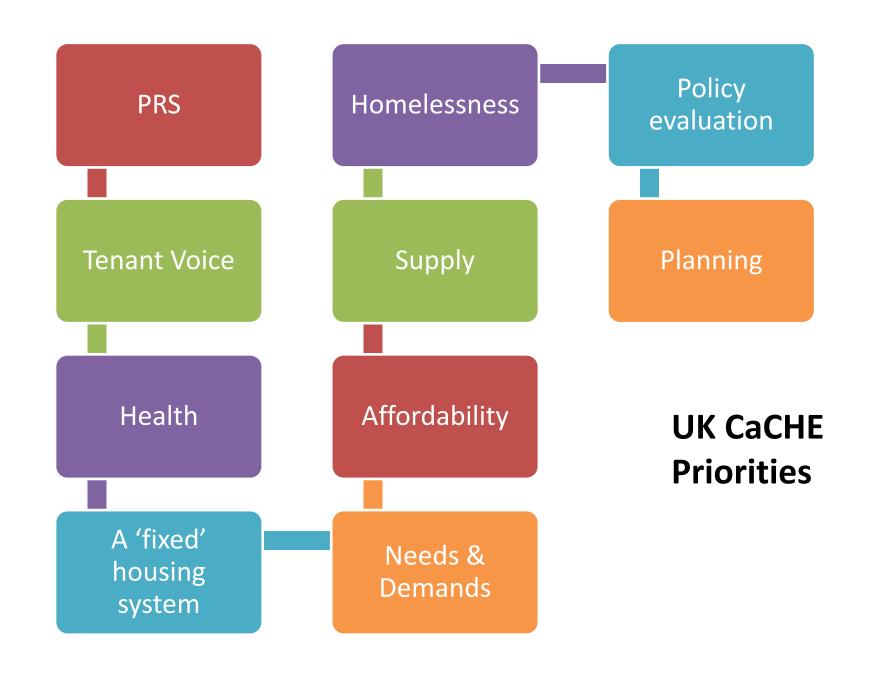
- Tradition of commitment to social housing
- Ability to reinvent and innovate forms of social housing such as the limited profit cost housing model and their approach to financing not for profit models
- New Housing Credit Institutions
- Transferability?





#### What is CaCHE?

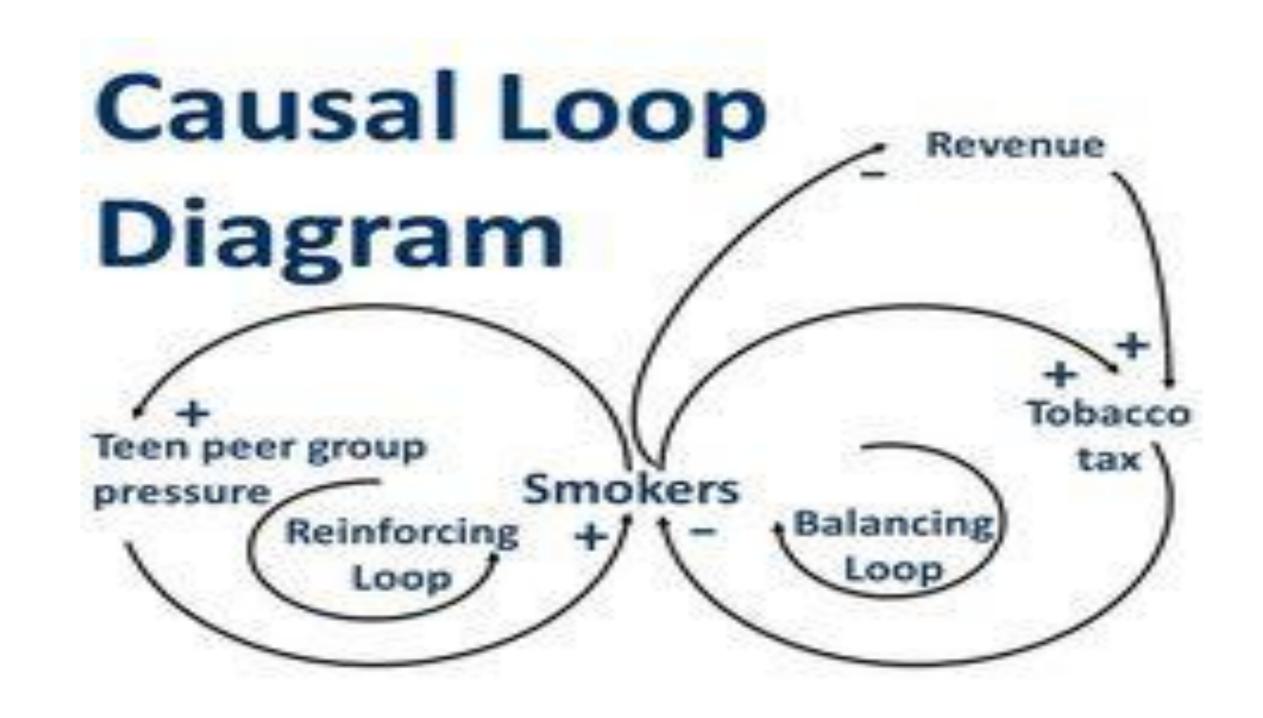
- CaCHE is a 5 year programme to build housing evidence capacity, undertake new research, build policy & practice networks and build new research partnerships
- A large scale consortium investment, the biggest for a generation in the UK
- Distinctive features: all-UK; multi-disciplinary; KE hubs; collaboration and co-production; independent and entrepreneurial





## Systems Thinking 1

- Systems thinking is about interrelationships, multiple perspectives and system boundaries
- Complexity features: interdependence and interconnectedness; initial conditions and path dependency; positive and negative feedback; evolution, learning and adaptation
- Mental models and system archetypes: the bathtub, the iceberg, complexity gaps, a couple of examples of causal loop diagram archetypes
- Implications and possibilities.





### The PRS as as System

- PRS is a good example of a housing system (and one nested within the wider system)
- Highly segmented and structured and exposed to changing drivers
- The challenge to making good PRS policy.



Students

**Key Workers** 

Tied Workers

Generation Rent

Easy Access

Homeless & Vulnerable

Low Income Tenants

Short Term Lets



Housing Benefit/Local Housing Allowance

Dispute Resolution & Redress

Deposit Schemes

Local Authorities (multiple roles)

Letting Agents & Websites



Buy to Let Landlords

Build to Rent

Student Purpose-built

Mid Market Rent

Registered Social Landlords (RSL) Private Rent

Social Enterprise
Short Term Lets

#### From Systems to HNDAs

- LHSA adopted in 2001 Housing Scotland Act as the evidence base for local housing strategies
- This has evolved into the key elements of the evidence base for statutory housing needs and demand assessments:
  - reflects a functional housing geography
  - looks at market demand drivers & outcomes
  - estimates housing need
  - examines housing planning, land and supply





Context: social, economic & political

Economic, Policy & Demographic Drivers

Functional geography

Complexity

- Emergent properties
- Non-linear

Path Dependency

- Evolutionary
- Dynamics over time

Recursive

- Positive & negative feedbacks
- Mean reversion
- Homeostasis/self-regulating

**Towards a Systems Mental Map/Checklist** 



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