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Join the headline acts Christopher Pincher, Housing Minister plus best-selling author and TV presenter Richard Osman, who reflects on his own experience of visiting an affluent retirement village. Watch them take the stage to share their views on the only UK property event focused on later living.

**Keynote Speakers**

**Christopher Pincher**, Minister of State for Housing

Christopher has been the Minister of State for Housing since February 2020, with a specific focus on planning reform, supporting the housing market and home ownership among his wide departmental brief. He also supports the Minister of State for Building Safety by answering for the Government in the House of Commons on building safety matters.

**Richard Osman**, TV presenter, producer, comedian, and writer

Richard is best known as Alexander Armstrong’s sidekick on BBC1’s hit quiz show, Pointless, a show he actually created. He also presents Richard Osman’s House of Games for the BBC, while the first in his murder mystery book series, The Thursday Murder Club has received rave reviews and published around the world - the second book in the series is eagerly anticipated for September 2021. Richard’s first book was inspired by his visit to a retirement village and we’ll be asking him what he chose to provide for his fictional residents and why?

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**Agenda - Thursday 24 June 2021**

09:00  **Registration**
09:30  **Welcome**
      *Mark Easton*, Home Editor, BBC
09:35  **Keynote presentation – 20 years on… what next for Housing for Older People?**
      *Speaker: Christopher Pincher*, Housing Minister

As we reflect on 20 years on from the Housing for Older People’s Strategy, what future policy can the sector expect? Will policy change on a wider scale to support demand for older people housing? And what reforms across planning, social care and finance, are needed to support growth?

10:00  **What do older people want from their later years?**
      *Speaker: A resident’s viewpoint*
10:30  **Networking break**
10:50  **Presentation – The market outlook for the later living sector**

The pandemic has sped up change in real estate and investors are looking to disinvest from their core portfolio into alternatives. Coupling this with the vast under supply to meet the needs of the ageing population, we’ll explore what investment changes could mean for the later living sector, set out the market outlook for the year ahead and beyond, and examine national and regional opportunities.

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11:10  Panel - If we build it, will they come?
How can we shape the image of senior living as an aspirational destination point?
The baby boomer generation are starkly different to ‘the silent generation’ before them, an affluent generation with a preference for the finer things in life. But what does that mean for their later life priorities and how have these changed as we emerge from the pandemic? How can the sector showcase their diverse offering and shift perception of later living?

Will Bax
Chief Executive Officer
Retirement Villages Group

Jason Leek
CEO
Riverrstone Living

Anna Kear
CEO
Tonic Housing

11:40  Break

12:00  Panel - No one size fits all: delivering flexibility & diversity of choice
How can the sector ensure it has the right investment models to support growth? Customers want a suite of options from rental to shared ownership. As leasehold reform brings an end to ground rent, what could the shape of the market look like in the future?

Opening presentation:
Michael Voges
Executive Director
ARCO

Panellist:
David Whiteley
Director
Whiteley Consultants

12:30  Presentation - Smashing Stereotypes
Speaker: Crispin Hunter, Director of Strategy and Business Development, Hunter Design

Drawing on insights from a book he co-authored, titled ‘The 7 Myths of Middle Age – Implications for Marketing and Brands’, Crispin will share some observations on how to market more effectively to the ‘experienced generations’ as he prefers to call them.

Topics covered include:
- Why businesses miss a big commercial opportunity by often defaulting to a definition of ‘over-50s’
- How academia has given us an insight into the reasons behind this – why we’re wired to stereotype people and the dangers of stereotyping older generations
- Myths surrounding middle age and why they need to be shattered including the trope that digital engagement amongst the ‘experienced generations’ is low

The presentation concludes with specific suggestions for how to leverage the implications for brands, gain better insights and market more effectively. It is supported by a blend of real-market examples, primary research findings and academic insights.

14:00  Confiming the rental opportunity in retirement living
Speaker: Jon Tonkiss, CEO, McCarthy Stone

14:30  Panel - Investment and opportunity
With the gap between supply and demand continuing to grow, the sector needs to find more innovative ways to secure investment. The panel will explore the banks’ appetite for investment and debt in later living models and the dynamic within the sector; as well as consider how to exit once a portfolio of buildings has completed, what are the conditions and the return?

Panellists:
Deepesh Thakrar
Senior Director – Debt Finance
Oak North

Kevin Beirne
Director of Retirement
Octopus Real Estate

Andrew Ovey
Head of Healthcare
AXA IM Alts – Real Assets

15:00  Afternoon refreshments

15:15  In conversation with...Richard Osman
TV presenter, producer and best-selling author of The Thursday Murder Club, Richard joins us to reflect on his own experience of visiting an affluent retirement village, the inspiration for his first book.

15:35  Concurrent roundtable discussions
Participant numbers for each discussion will be capped to allow for open and inclusive debate for everyone at the table.

- Delivering choice: exploring flexible options for later living
- Maximising the potential of digital marketing
- Addressing the skills and workforce challenges in later living
- What are the opportunities beyond premium later living?
- Can we speed up the sales pipeline?
- Building a brand and a community

16:25  Break

16:45  Panel - Planning consent: what makes a winning submission?
The perennial problem of planning still remains a huge obstacle in accelerating growth in the sector. The current planning system and policy can make it incredibly challenging for developers. Hear from our panel of local authority planners and developers who will look at recent submissions that have won consent – why was consent successful and what key elements were critical to approval?

Panelist:
Claire Petricca-Riding
National Head of Planning and Environment
Irwin Mitchell

17:15  Panel - The journey to a more sustainable future
From responsible business to consumer appetite, how should the sector move forward with the pressing issue of sustainability and what does good look like? As investors and consumers continue to show a preference for positive impact and legacy, and carbon neutral communities take shape, we consider what the Environment Bill will mean for development in general and specifically for the later living sector. What do developers and operators need to consider as they move forward on their net zero journey?

Panellist:
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17:45  Conference closes
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