

Northern Housing Consortium welcomes HCA appointments

The Northern Housing Consortium today welcomed the appointment of key directors at the newly created Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

John Moralee, Chief Executive of the Northern Housing Consortium, said “The creation of the Homes and Communities Agency is an important step towards the integration of housing and regeneration programmes. The task of transforming this from theory to reality will be supported by the appointment of the key director posts at the agency.

“We welcome the appointments of Deborah McLaughlin, Pat Richie and David Curtis in the three Northern regions and look forward to working with them and their colleagues over the coming months to ensure that the HCA is best placed to succeed in its ambitions”.

“From a Northern perspective, the Consortium’s Northern Housing Summit on the 18th and 19th November at York provides an opportunity for the sector to address many of the key issues that the Agency will be focusing on in its early months, and we hope and anticipate that several of the new HCA appointments will be able to attend.”

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Notes to editors

1. The Northern Housing Consortium is a non-political, not for profit, member based organisation, whose members between them manage almost 90% of social housing in the North. Our main roles are:
 - To provide a comprehensive range of timely, relevant and affordable services for members with a distinct focus on Northern issues
 - To take a lead role in enabling the improvement of housing and organisational performance in the North
 - To work with Government and other bodies to ensure the region benefits from the resources and funding available to provide safe, vibrant, sustainable communities

Our provision of support is delivered across four themed areas: Quality of Life, Quality of Place, Performance Improvement and Investment & Resources.

2. The Homes and Communities Agency will bring together housing and regeneration into one national agency. It will combine English Partnerships, the investment programme of the Housing Corporation, the Academy for Sustainable Communities and key housing and regeneration programmes, currently delivered by Communities and Local Government.