

# Press Information



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## **One Vision Housing announces Digital Switchover partnership with Northern Housing Consortium**

One Vision Housing has signed a deal with the Northern Housing Consortium to deliver the Digital Switchover to its homes in the Borough of Sefton.

The Granada region will be amongst the first areas in the UK to be affected as the analogue signal will be switched off between October and December 2009.

With over 2,500 tenants and leaseholders currently accessing television via communal aerials, these must be replaced by the housing association with new digital-compatible systems to ensure customers can access digital TV after the switchover.

It is hoped that the partnership with the Northern Housing Consortium will allow One Vision Housing to ensure that the TV upgrade programme is undertaken with as little disruption to customers as possible and that both organisations can develop a joint programme as an example of best practice.

Speaking at the official contract launch One Vision Housing Chief Executive Roy Williams said: "As an organisation we understand how important it is that our tenants and leaseholders have access to the new digital TV signal which will be introduced into the Granada region in 2009.

"I am therefore delighted that we have appointed the Northern Housing Consortium to help us deliver on time and budget to the high standards that we demand on behalf of our tenants and leaseholders."

One Vision Housing Director of Regeneration and Investment Andrew Spencer commented: "At One Vision Housing we have a number high rise and low rise flats that

have increasingly obsolete communal TV Aerial systems. In our offer to our tenants we are committed to upgrade and replace these communal aerials so that they are fit for purpose by 2009.”

Andrew Carlin, Northern Housing Consortium’s Commercial Director, said: “We are extremely pleased to enter into this partnership with One Vision Housing and we believe that our experience will ensure that the programme of upgrades will be carried out in the most effective, cost effective and less intrusive way possible.”

The One Vision Housing Digital Switchover programme is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2008 and is due for completion approximately 6 months ahead of the Granada Region switchover in 2009.

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**Photo caption: From left to right** Lynsey Witt (Northern Consortium) Andrew Spencer, OVH Director of Regeneration and Investment Louise Ratcliffe (Northern Consortium sign the partnership agreement.

**Notes to Editors:**

**One Vision Housing** is a non-profit-making, charitable organisation, registered both under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and with the Housing Corporation.

Registration requires One Vision Housing to follow strict rules in terms of its operation and involves it being regularly monitored to ensure it is following best practice in terms of the management of its housing and in the building of new homes for future generations.

The main work of the Association involves:

- Property repairs and improvements
- Refurbishments
- Rent collection and income advice
- Property lettings
- General estate management

**Northern Housing Consortium:** The aim of Consortium Procurement, the Commercial element of the Northern Housing Consortium is to provide a pre-tendered, OJEU-compliant solution on Digital TV with framework partners who have the capacity and the experience to carry out high quality upgrades and installations in line with individual organisation's needs.

In developing this framework, The Northern Housing Consortium focused on 5 key drivers: flexibility, choice, ease of interaction, value & compliance.