

Press release

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Island Homes fulfils promise to return Board to a resident majority

Island Homes' Board has recently returned to a resident majority, in line with promises made to residents in the Resident Road Map. The appointment of Ed Beswick, a new resident member, brings the number of resident members to six of an 11 strong Board, including the Managing Director, meaning that residents are once again in the majority and can bring their perspective to decisions at Board level.

Island Homes Board members are carefully chosen and bring with them a range of skills and experience from the private and voluntary sectors. The Board strives to represent all parts of the diverse local community that it serves and it now includes at least one resident representative from each of Island Homes' four estates and its membership is also diverse in terms of age, gender and ethnic background.

Terry Stacy, Chair of the Island Homes Board, said: "We are delighted to welcome Ed to the Board. We aim to be as representative as possible of our diverse local community and Ed's knowledge and skills, both through his professional experience and as a local resident are a welcome addition to the Board."

The association has also recently learnt that the TSA are now satisfied that Island Homes has completed its action plan in line with the Audit Commission's recommendations. The regulators acknowledged that whilst there are still some areas of weakness, significant improvements have been achieved and that residents have and continue to be involved in reviewing and influencing services.

Catherine Kyne, Managing Director of Island Homes said: "We are delighted to receive sign off on the action plan in recognition of the huge amount of work that has gone into turning the association around. We realise however that there is work to be done and look

forward to working with residents to achieve the remaining targets and to continue to improve our services.”

“We are committed to ensuring that our resident services are first class. Working in partnership with our residents we will continue to shape service delivery to meet agreed local standards that fit the needs of the diverse community. “

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Notes to Editors

Island Homes was created in 2005 to take the stock transfer of nearly 2,100 homes from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The 1,300 tenanted and 700 leasehold homes are located on four estates.

Community Housing Association, Island Homes Housing Association and Toynbee Housing Association joined to form One Housing Group in September 2007.

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