

PRESS RELEASE

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Chairs named at New Charter

New Charter is pleased to announce the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the company Boards.

Following our Annual General Meetings on 30th September 2003, the constitution of the companies requires Directors to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at their next ordinary meetings.

New Charter Housing Trust Limited will be chaired by Ged Cooney, vice-chair Hamid Ghafoor. Ged has steered the company since formation and is also a Tameside MBC councillor. Hamid is an auditor by profession and experienced in Housing Association work. He joined the Board in 2001.

New Charter Housing (North) Limited will be chaired by Jimmy Burns, vice-chair Andrew Broadhurst. Jimmy is well known in housing circles and a past president of the Chartered



Institute of Housing. Andrew's background is in chartered surveying and he runs a consultancy.

New Charter Housing (South) Limited will be chaired by Julie Hardman, vice-chair Tony Berry. Julie is a tenant living in Dukinfield, and was a speaker at this year's NHF Voluntary Board Members Conference. Tony is Chief Executive of local RSL Ashton Pioneer Homes.

New Charter Building Company Limited is an unregistered subsidiary of the Trust and provides much of the Group's repairs and maintenance. Stephen Hall, a building surveyor with High Peak Borough Council is the Chair. Vincent Ricci who has an extensive background in construction is Vice-Chair. He is also a Local Authority councillor.

New Charter formed in 1999 as the new landlords to own and manage nearly 16,400 properties transferred from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council in Greater Manchester. Until September 2000, it was Britain's biggest Large-Scale Voluntary Transfer (LSVT). With a turnover of £49million a year and a workforce of 772, New Charter is one of the twenty largest Registered Social Landlords (RSL's), and is regulated by The Housing Corporation, a Government watchdog.

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