

AIRPORT GROUP

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Purpose

An informal alliance of like-minded, ambitious stock transfer housing associations who are committed to working in collaboration on issues of common interest to:

- Work together to share experiences, best practice and benchmarking to achieve efficiencies/economies of scale to improve front line services;
- Provide and demonstrate the unique added value offered by LSVT organisations in respect of housing management, neighbourhood management, asset management, governance, community involvement, resource maximisation, regeneration, worklessness;
- Stimulate organisational development and continuous improvement by supporting and challenging each other to drive up the quality of services to our customers.

Membership (limited to 15):

Cheshire Peaks and Plains Housing Trust, City West Housing Trust, Community Gateway Association, Eastlands Homes Partnership, Helena Partnerships, Incommunities Group, New Charter Housing Trust, One Vision Housing, Parkway Green Housing Trust, Prospect Homes Group, Trafford Housing Trust, TransPennine Housing, Weaver Vale Housing Trust, Willow Park Housing Trust, Wirral Partnership Homes.

Total stock ownership

Circa 161,500 homes

Meeting frequency

CEOs meet on a quarterly basis.

Other sub groupings meeting regularly on varying cycles.

Sub Groups

Chairs and Board member networking
Finance Directors
Human Resources/Organisational Development
Neighbourhood Services
Worklessness

Specific joint working achievements

- Accredited Institute of Leadership and Management governance course for board members (primarily tenant board members).
- JV North – Housing Corporation preferred development partner (7 members).
- Accredited “neighbourhood development” training for neighbourhood staff.
- Commissioned research, findings and “asks/offers” into members’ approaches to addressing worklessness.
- A range of benchmarking exercises and sharing experience/best practice.
- Some limited joint service arrangements:
 - legal
 - IT
 - process re-engineering.
- Shared ownership training.
- Annual Organisational Development conference.
- Lobbying on key issues.

Housing Association	Stock numbers (as at 31/3/08)*
Cheshire Peaks and Plains Housing Trust	4,959
City West Housing Trust	14,800
Community Gateway Association	6,039
Eastlands Homes Partnership	2,600
Helena Partnerships	12,880
Incommunities Group	21,573
New Charter Housing Trust	18,601
One Vision Housing	11,150
Parkway Green Housing Trust	5,771
Prospect Homes Group	11,299
Trafford Housing Trust	9,220
TransPennine Housing	15,952
Weaver Vale Housing Trust	6,130
Willow Park Housing Trust	7,618
Wirral Partnership Homes	12,795
Total	161,387

* Figures taken from RSR 2008 data (www.rsrsurvey.co.uk) with the following exceptions - Eastlands Homes Partnership taken from the HCA dated May 2007 and City West Housing Trust taken from their website.