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East Kent Housing is looking for those who love where they live – in Shepway

Do you live in a council property in the Shepway area and would love to help improve the housing service received by nearly 4,000 households?

Then this could be your chance to join the East Kent Housing Board and be part of the decision making process for the organisation that manages your council housing service and puts tenants' needs at its heart.

The East Kent Housing Board, which is made up of tenants, councillors, and independent members, meets regularly to discuss and keep an eye on how East Kent Housing is performing on behalf of tenants living in over 17,500 council homes across Canterbury, Dover, Thanet and Shepway. The Board also looks at and responds to information provided from the local Area Boards as well as receiving regular reports about repairs, complaints and spending.

The vacancy for a Tenant Board Member for Shepway has arisen after Lynne Sims, Vice Chair and Tenant Board Member stepped down from the role due to ill health, after serving on the Board for nearly two years.

Lynne will continue to represent the needs of local tenants on the Area Board and Shepway Tenants' and Leaseholders' Board.

Lynne, who enjoyed her role as Vice Chair and wants to encourage others to get involved, said: "I've really enjoyed being able to keep a close eye on how East Kent Housing is performing and working with the other Board Members. I also got the chance to represent East Kent Housing at conferences and events across the country. I would advise anyone thinking of applying to become a Board Member to go for it! You will be given lots of help and support from your fellow Board Members and staff at East Kent Housing."

To find out more about the Shepway Tenant Board Member vacancy contact Rebecca on 01303 853 782 or email rebecca.mcquinness@eastkenthousing.org.uk for details.

To find out more about East Kent Housing and the local opportunities for tenants to get involved visit www.eastkenthousing.org.uk or www.facebook.com/eastkenthousing

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Notes to editors

Photo provided: Lynne Sims (centre) with Brendan Ryan (Left – Chief Executive) and Helen Buller (Right – Chair of the Board) receiving flowers at her East Kent Housing Board Meeting