

# NFA WELCOMES SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR

## Press release

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The National Federation of ALMOs (NFA) has welcomed the CLG Select Committee Report on the Private Rented Sector (PRS) published today, which calls for more controls on the PRS in an effort to raise standards and tackle ‘cowboy’ letting agents.

Working closely with local authorities across England, ALMOs are increasingly providing lettings and housing management services to the private rented sector in an effort to drive up standards of both quality of accommodation and housing management within the private rented sector (PRS).

Commenting on the report NFA Managing Director, Eamon McGoldrick, said:

“Standards in the private rented sector are highly varied and anything that can improve the condition of properties and the experience of tenants should be encouraged. The ALMO sector is working hard to drive up standards and in many cases, taking on the management of private rental properties, some of which were former council homes purchased under Right to Buy.,

“ALMOs such as Wolverhampton Homes and CityWest Homes in Westminster have been working with their local authorities to provide services to the PRS for a number of years. The delivery of services to the PRS is a rapidly expanding area of business for many ALMOs as they seek to diversify services in response to the needs of the wider community and changing national policy.

“ALMOs already have the infrastructure, experience and expertise in place to add the management of extra rental properties to their portfolios without impacting on services to existing council tenants and, as ALMOs are not for profit organisations, any surpluses generated can be reinvested to benefit the local community.”

There are now 50 ALMOs across England managing more than 700,000 council homes. For more information about ALMOs visit [www.almos.org](http://www.almos.org).

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