

# The Joy of Six - ALMOs recognised in Sunday Times list of best companies to work for

## Press release

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Six arm's length management organisations (ALMOs) are celebrating after being recognised in the Sunday Times' list of the *Top 100 Best Not-for-Profit Organisations To Work For 2014*.

For the second year in a row, Dale & Valley Homes based in Bishop Auckland, was the highest ranking ALMO in third place overall.

Judges praised the organisation's team spirit and sense of family with 84% of staff saying they felt supported by their manager and a further 88% saying colleagues go out of their way to be helpful. The ALMO also scored highly for its wellbeing programme which includes free counselling and for its work/life balance.

Other ALMOs included in the prestigious list are: Berneslai Homes, Northwards Housing, Poole Housing Partnership, Stockport Homes and Wolverhampton Homes.

The Not-For-Profit list includes organisations across the UK's public and third sectors with the full table of results to be announced in the Sunday Times.

Sue Roberts MBE, Chair of the National Federation of ALMOs (NFA), said:

"To have six of the 47 ALMOs, in England, recognised in the 100 Best Companies list is a great achievement and it really shows that ALMOs are positive and supportive places to work. To rank so highly alongside many much larger organisations across the UK, is especially encouraging and demonstrates the importance of investing in staff. Ultimately a happy and inclusive workforce will enable us to provide the best service to benefit our tenants."

Overall housing and homeless organisations scored highly in the Top 100 list making up nine of the top ten positions.

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### **Notes to Editors**

- ALMOs included in the *Best Not-for-Profit Organisations To Work For 2014* with position: Dale & Valley Homes (3), Wolverhampton Homes (42), Poole Housing Partnership (49), Berneslai Homes (66) Northwards Housing (74), Stockport Homes (96)
- The National Federation of ALMOs is the trade body that represents the interests of the 47 arm's length management organisations (ALMOs) across England.