



ALMOs are here to stay says Minister

Representatives from the National Federation of ALMOs had an extremely positive first meeting with the Minister Tony McNulty last week. He welcomed the establishment of the National Federation of ALMOs as the voice for the sector and talked of his ambitions for ALMOs.

According to Tony McNulty:

“The ALMO model is here to stay. It’s not LSVT by the back door – it’s community empowerment by the back door.”

“ALMOs are not just about bricks and mortar they are about tenant participation and ownership of the estate and its surroundings.”

“I congratulate you on setting up the National Federation of ALMOs – it is a very positive development.”

The chairs and chief executives of the ALMOs at Hounslow, Derby and Kensington and Chelsea met with the Minister and ODPM officials last week. The purpose of the session was to look at what needed to be done to secure the future of the ALMO sector, levelling the playing field between ALMOs and housing associations and ensuring that ALMOs are recognised in Government policy. ODPM officials are working with the National Federation of ALMOs on exploring how ALMOs can serve anti-social behaviour orders and on freedoms for high performing ALMOs. Further meetings will take place between the National Federation of ALMOs and the Minister and his officials.

Gordon Perry, the chair of the National Federation of ALMOs said:

“We welcomed the opportunity to meet the Minister, thank him for the creation of the ALMO option and start working with him and his officials on practical measures to develop the sector. All ALMOs are striving hard to repay the Minister’s trust in us.”