

## **Berneslai Homes a Gold Finalist!**

Berneslai Homes are pleased to announce they have been shortlisted as a 'Gold Employer of the Year' at the Investors in People Awards 2017.

Following a review of companies achieving Gold status by Investors in People (IIP) they have been shortlisted in the category of companies employing between 250 and 5000 staff and were up against a wide range of companies from different sectors, both private and public.

In April, Berneslai Homes were awarded Gold for the second time, by Investors in People (IIP) and the Health and Well Being Good Practice Award, for their high quality approach to looking after staff. The national standard recognises companies who measure up to high standards of people management and demonstrates how people are led, managed and developed and the impact this has on operational results and how they keep improving and staying ahead of their competitors.

The assessment revealed a number of key strengths which strongly confirm Berneslai Homes are an employer of choice and a key strategic partner to Barnsley Council. The company is built on a strong foundation of people management practices and are passionate about what they do and display a strong work ethic which complements the company values, and policies which results in a trusting leadership style and culture.

Chief Executive Helen Jaggar said: "This is great news for our staff, the company and Barnsley, to be recognised nationally. We are looking forward to the awards in November to find out our result and we are keeping our fingers crossed."

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### **Editors notes:**

**Berneslai Homes** is the Council's managing agent for the management and maintenance of council housing in Barnsley. They have a track record for excellent performance at value for money cost and in 2015 the Council extended the service agreement for a further five years from April 2016 to March 2021 with the ability for rolling five year extensions. In 2017 they achieved Investors In People Gold Standard, for the second time. They work closely with many partner agencies within the Sheffield city region.

The organisation is run by a board comprising of a Chair, three councillors, three independents and three tenant members. Berneslai Homes manages approximately 18,655 properties and employs just under 500 employees.