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Triple award shortlisting success for Lewisham Homes

Lewisham Homes, which manages 18,000 homes on behalf of Lewisham Council, is triumphant after being successfully shortlisted for three awards.

The housing provider has been nominated in the Investors in People (IIP) Awards, designed to celebrate business excellence, and the 24Housing Awards, which highlight the best of the housing sector.

Recognising forward-thinking and continually evolving organisations, Lewisham Homes is shortlisted in the Excellence in Third Sector category of the IIP Awards. To be eligible, companies must evidence a transformative collaborative culture, effective change management, and high-quality communications.

The award nomination follows Lewisham Homes being awarded IIP Gold in 2016, after a rigorous assessment and interviews with over 70 staff members. A prestigious accreditation, only seven percent of organisations that carry the IIP stamp are given Gold status.

In the 24Housing Awards, Lewisham Homes has been shortlisted for two categories: Innovation of the Year, and Affordable Scheme of the Year.

Moving £55,000 of annual transactions off the phones and onto its website, Lewisham Homes' innovative online shop has been recognised for improving customer experience, generating efficiencies and saving time for both staff and residents.

Up for Affordable Development of the Scheme is Lewisham Homes' Dacre Park South, in Lee. Built in partnership with Lewisham Council as part of the 'New Homes, Better Places' programme, it comprises 25 new homes on the site of a previously underused garage court. Allocated solely for social rent, the new development of one to four bedroom flats and maisonettes also includes a renewed children's play area and improvements to the surrounding outdoor areas.

Ainsley Forbes, Lewisham Homes Board Chair, said: "What an incredible achievement to be shortlisted for a trio of awards, especially in Lewisham Homes' tenth anniversary year. Being nominated across a range of awards demonstrates the strong breadth of services and benefits we offer to both our residents and employees."

The results of the 24Housing Awards will be revealed on Thursday 12 October, whilst the winners of the IIP Awards will be announced at a ceremony on Thursday 23 November.

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Photos attached:

1. Lewisham Homes' staff celebrate IIP Gold accreditation in 2016.
2. New homes at Dacre Park South development in Lee – shortlisted for 24Housing's Development of the Year Award.

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Lewisham Homes manages 18,000 council homes in Lewisham, operates its own repairs and maintenance company and employs more than 500 staff. It is undertaking a major investment programme to improve homes and local communities as well as building new homes in the borough.

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