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National Award success for Northampton Partnership Homes at CIPS Supply Management Awards 2017

Housing organisation Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) celebrated scooping a top award at the Chartered Institute of Procurement Supply's (CIPS) Supply Management Awards on 13 September 2017.

Their Procurement Team were named winner of the Best Procurement Consultancy Project for their work with construction consultancy firm Stradia to appoint a single contractor for NPH's major works programme. Other shortlisted finalists included consultancy firms Ayming and Efficio.

Respected as a national benchmark for excellence, the award recognises a successful procurement supply contract where the consultancy firm delivered excellent benefits to the client on a contract that will have a lasting legacy for the people it involves.

As a result of the consultancy project with Stradia, NPH, which manages Northampton Borough Council's housing services, decided to appoint a single contractor to deliver its major works programme last year. They are now into the first year of an eight year investment plan with Keepmoat Regeneration.

As well as value for money and long term quality of performance, the tender included a host of social value benefits which NPH requested from their contractor, and focusses on how the contractor would provide social opportunities for NPH's residents and invest in the local community. This included apprenticeships, new jobs and training opportunities.

The details of the award stated:

"As this was a new way of working for the organisation, it was considered prudent to appoint a consultant. The Partnership, based on full open-book accounting with clear cost visibility, was designed to deliver best value, cost savings and improved performance throughout the potential 10 years contract duration"

The judges described the partnership as "an extremely well defined project which has delivered all it set out to do and more".

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Notes to editors:

Northampton Partnership Homes is a housing organisation (Arm's Length Management Organisation) wholly owned by Northampton Borough Council.

Northampton Partnership Homes is responsible for managing and maintaining nearly 12,000 homes in Northampton.

Northampton Partnership Homes is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of 5 Tenant representatives, 5 Council Representatives, 4 Independent representatives and 2 Employee representatives.

Northampton Partnership Homes is responsible for the following housing services:

- Allocations and Lettings
- Repairs and Maintenance
- Housing Management, including dealing with anti-social behaviour
- Tenancy Support
- Tenant Involvement
- Ecton Lane Park traveller site

Image attached of Northampton Partnership Homes with Stradia at the CIPS Awards collecting their award. NPH officers From L-R: Helen Town, Jenny Swainson & Mike Kay.

Useful links: www.northamptonpartnershiphomes.org.uk/about-nph

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