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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Sue Roberts MBE, to step down as chair of Wolverhampton Homes**

Sue Roberts MBE, the much-valued chair of Wolverhampton Homes is stepping down after thirteen years of service.

Her decision to step down from the role has been made with regret, but will allow her to concentrate on the forthcoming local elections when she will be standing as a local councillor.

Sue, who lives in the East Park area of the city, has been the Chair of the Board at Wolverhampton Homes since 2008 and has been a national player on the housing scene having been Chair of the National Federation of ALMOs (Arms-Length Management Organisations) from 2011 to 2015.

Her work promoting better council housing in Wolverhampton and on a national level led to her being awarded an MBE for her services to social housing in the 2011 New Year's Honours List. She was also awarded 'most effective board member' in the Women in Housing awards 2013 and has been named in amongst the top 50 most influential figures in the housing industry two years running in 2014 and 2015.

#### **Sue said:**

"I'm so sorry to be stepping down as chair of Wolverhampton Homes but with the local elections just about to start, I won't have time to dedicate to both roles so I must hand over the reins to someone who can give it their full attention."

#### **Shaun Aldis, chief executive of Wolverhampton Homes said:**

"We're really going to miss Sue, she has spent years campaigning to improve the lives of council tenants, both here in Wolverhampton and across the country. She has made a fantastic contribution and achieved so much for tenants everywhere. We wish her well for the future."

The current vice-chair Ann Bennett, who worked for Solihull Community Housing before her retirement, will become acting chair until the AGM of Wolverhampton Homes in September.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

- Wolverhampton Homes is an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) which manages 23,000 properties including 1,900 leaseholds on behalf of the City of Wolverhampton Council.
- More than 20% of households in Wolverhampton are managed by Wolverhampton Homes.
- It was established in 2005 and is currently rated 3 stars (Excellent) by the Audit Commission, with excellent prospects for improvement.
- Since it was established, customer satisfaction with overall housing services has increased from 65% to 83%.
- Since 2005 we've been making improvements to more than 22,000 local homes.
- Wolverhampton Homes also manages 5000 garages and 270 shops in the city.
- The UK has 33 ALMOs managing over 450,000 council homes across 36 local authorities
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