



## **Berneslai Homes appoints new Chief Executive**

Berneslai Homes are pleased to announce the Board's decision to appoint Amanda Garrard as their new Chief Executive, who will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Amanda is currently Group Director of Neighbourhoods at Together Housing Group and comes with over thirty years' experience in the social housing sector.

The appointment follows the recent announcement of Chief Executive Helen Jaggar who will retire in August, after 12 years of service at Berneslai Homes.

Paul Hayes, Chair of the Board said: "I am really pleased to have appointed Amanda as our new Chief Executive. Amanda has a great deal of experience and a lot to offer Berneslai Homes and the wider community of Barnsley and I am confident she will continue to deliver excellent services. Myself and the board are looking forward to working with Amanda and welcoming her to Berneslai Homes."

Amanda Garrard adds, "I am delighted to have been appointed as the new CEO at Berneslai Homes. Having started my career in Barnsley it is great to return and take up the new role at such an exciting time. It will be hard to follow Helen Jaggar who has done such an excellent job developing and leading Berneslai Homes. Although there are challenges ahead, there are opportunities too for Berneslai Homes to continue to contribute to an inclusive economy which will benefit tenants and communities in Barnsley and I look forward to working with staff, tenants and all our stakeholders to fulfil this ambition."

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### **Editors notes:**

**Berneslai Homes** is the Council's housing company responsible for managing 18,500 homes on their behalf and we're all about delivering for Barnsley. We 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 we achieved Investors In People Gold Standard, for the second time and were named as number one in the UK's Top 50 social landlords list by 24 housing. We work closely with many partner agencies within the Sheffield city region.

Berneslai Homes employs just under 500 employees and is run by a board comprising of a Chair, three tenant members; three councillors; and three independents.