



Press Release

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National Federation of ALMOs Response To Ruth Kelly Announcement on the Future of the Decent Homes & Decent Communities Programme

Dennis Rees, Chair of the National Federation of ALMOs said: *"We are delighted with today's announcement which supports the very real and positive difference ALMOs have made to millions of council housing tenants since they were introduced just four years ago.*

"ALMOs already do much more for customers beyond the traditional remit of housing management, from tackling anti-social behaviour to innovative employment and public private partnership programmes. Today's announcement is a major step towards securing ALMOs a greater role the long-term sustainability of their local communities, as well as enabling them to move beyond the Decent Homes standard to promoting decent neighbourhoods.

"ALMOs are leaders in the field in empowering tenants to have a meaningful involvement in the issues impacting their day to day lives. This has been critical to their success and as indicated today by Ruth Kelly, will form an increasingly important part in their future."

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