

Berneslai Homes welcomes new Chair

Berneslai Homes is delighted to announce the appointment of Sinéad Butters, MBE DUniv. as their new Chair.

Sinéad is Group Chief Executive of Aspire Housing, which also comprises Staffordshire's largest independent apprenticeship provider PM Training and social regeneration charity Realise. She is also Non-Executive Director at Goram Homes, and was Chair of national housing network PlaceShapers for five years. In recent years, she has received an MBE for services to housing and, two honorary doctorates for work supporting communities. Sinéad continues to be a voice of change, sharing her passion for community based solutions to the housing crisis.

Sinéad Butters adds: "I'm excited to be joining Berneslai Homes as the new Chair and working with a great team under the fantastic leadership of Amanda Garrard. These are challenging times and I am keen we build upon the strong platform we have already established to deliver even better services for the people of Barnsley. I am also looking forward to working with the board to develop the new Strategic Plan which supports the Barnsley 2030 vision and sets out what we aim to achieve over the next 10 years. Challenging but exciting times!"

Berneslai Homes Chief Executive Amanda Garrard says: "I'm delighted that the board have appointed Sinéad as our new Chair. With her wealth of experience in the housing sector I am looking forward to working with her to ensure Berneslai Homes continues to deliver excellent service to our tenants, make sure we look to the future to support the Barnsley 2030 vision, and evolve and adapt to continue delivering for Barnsley in this ever-changing environment."

Sinéad will be formally appointed as the new Chair at the Berneslai Homes Annual General Meeting on 24th September.

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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. 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.

