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Watford Community Housing completes stock transfer from Hendon Christian Housing Association

Following a consultation with its residents during August and September 2024, Hendon Christian Housing Association (HCHA) has completed the transfer of its homes to [Watford Community Housing](#).

The merger, based on a transfer of engagements, sees HCHA's portfolio of 140 homes (122 general needs and 18 'retirement' homes) transferred to Watford Community Housing to help ensure the ongoing provision of good-quality homes and services for HCHA residents, in light of the challenging operating environment it faces.

The transfer took place on 31 October 2024. Following the transfer, Watford Community Housing is now responsible for maintaining these homes and providing services to the customers living in them.

Watford Community Housing was formed in 2007, and now owns and manages more than 7,500 homes and associated assets across South-West Hertfordshire and North-West London. It was recently awarded the highest ratings following an inspection by the Regulator of Social Housing, retaining its G1 rating for governance and V1 rating for viability, as well as earning a C1 rating under the new consumer standards.

HCHA was set up in the 1960s to provide affordable homes within the London Borough of Barnet, for local people in housing need. It has 140 properties for social rent in Colindale, Hendon and Mill Hill. This includes 31 properties acquired in 2012 through a merger with Star Housing, which provided accommodation for partially sighted residents in Barnet and Acton.

As a Community Gateway Association, Watford Community Housing is committed to tenant empowerment and offers tenants the opportunity to become members and help shape the future of the Group. All former HCHA tenants are eligible to become members and support Watford Community Housing's decision-making.

Tina Barnard, Chief Executive for Watford Community Housing, said: "We are delighted to confirm that HCHA have transferred their homes to us, and we welcome the opportunity to help ensure that its residents continue to have good-quality homes and access to excellent services.

"We are proud that HCHA residents could see our strong track record of delivering for our customers and communities, and we look forward to providing the services and support that they need."

Mary Gibbons, Board Chair for HCHA, said: "For the last 60 years, our top priority has been ensuring that our residents have well-maintained homes and good-quality services and support. I believe that



by transferring our homes to Watford Community Housing, our residents will continue to receive the support they need and also get the improvements that they told us they would like to see.”

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