

Delivering joined up, community focused initiatives with positive outcomes that enhance peoples' lives and wellbeing.



Age Friendly Communities

This 2 year project aims to build a holistic picture of what an 'Age Friendly Community in the North' might look like in the year 2030 and beyond. Outputs from the project include a discussion paper on the concept of Inclusive Design, a paper on International Approaches and a Toolkit which supports Members to appraise the sustainability of their sheltered housing stock. We sent you our Early Findings Report in November 2008 following consultation with over **400** older and younger people around the North. By the end of April we will have consulted **23** Member organisations and their stakeholders on the opportunities and the very real challenges they face. This consultation will inform a series of recommendations on the steps that can be taken to deliver age friendly communities in the north. The project has been very positively welcomed by CLG and by our Members. We look forward to bringing you the final report in the autumn 2009.



TSA

We were successful with HQN in winning the tender to deliver phase 1 of the National

Conversation for the newly formed TSA. This provides NHC and our Members with an excellent platform to develop a cross-sector view on regulation, and also positions us well for being able to represent our Members views with TSA.

National Tenant Voice

We supplied a consultation response to the formation of the National Tenant Voice (NTV). Whilst welcoming the principles of the NTV, we did highlight concerns over representation and the scale/achievable nature of its

ambitions. We will continue to engage with this debate over the coming months.

White Paper: Communities in Control: real people, real power

We supplied a briefing paper to Members setting out the key principles of the Community Empowerment White Paper and exploring the significant role for housing providers to facilitate community empowerment and engagement.

Homeless Prevention and Debt

We supplied a briefing paper to Members exploring the measures being taken, both now in the current economic climate, and the wider policy agenda, to prevent long term homelessness.

Youth Taskforce

Since the Youth Taskforce Action plan was published, we have worked with Members (principally through the Anti Social Behaviour network), to disseminate key points from the plan.

Networks

We continue to support a range of practitioner based networks around the Quality of Life theme, including the Anti Social Behaviour Network, New Ventures, Tenant Participation Network and the Action Learning Group for Intergrated Living Network.