

Who we are and what we do

How was Chevin formed?

The Group was formed in 2001 following the merger of a number of associations who had been in operation from as far back as 1974. Made up of Chevin Housing Association Ltd and Harewood Housing Society Ltd, Chevin owns, manages and maintains the Group's rented homes and Harewood manages and maintains the Group's leasehold properties and also provides a management service to private sector leaseholders.

Our Vision

'Building a better future for people and communities'

We are involved in a diverse range of activities including:

- managing and maintaining rented and leasehold homes
- developing new and refurbished homes (including rented, leasehold and sale options)
- regeneration services
- working in partnership with local people enabling them to play a part in the future of their neighbourhoods



How are we regulated?

As with all registered Housing Associations we are regulated by the Housing Corporation, a Government quango. A Board of Management made up of twelve people are at the head of our governance structure.

The Group employs around 200 staff headed by the Group Chief Executive, Steve Close.

What is our reinvestment programme?

A reinvestment programme of around £6m per year goes into the refurbishment of homes and the wider regeneration of communities.

Partnership working

In 2004 the Group formed the Synergy partnership in order to work with other housing associations to provide more cost efficient ways of developing new affordable homes. Synergy Housing Solutions Ltd oversees the development programmes on behalf of all the housing associations in the group. The overall development programme for 2006-08 is around £100m providing 500 new homes.

Our work

An inspection carried out by the Audit Commission in 2006 reported that Chevin provides a good 2 star service with promising prospects for improvement. The report commented that, 'Chevin is a customer focussed organisation, which develops services based on customer feedback'.



Current Group Members

Chevin Housing Association Ltd

Chevin is a charitable association and an Industrial and Provident Society. It was formed in 1998 as the Parent Association for Harewood Housing Society Ltd. In 2001, Chantry Housing Association joined the Group and in 2003 transferred its engagements to Chevin. At the same time Harewood Housing Society Ltd transferred its rented homes to Chevin. These transfers improved the efficiency of the Group's operations.

In 2004 Hallam Housing Society Ltd transferred its engagements to Chevin Housing Association Ltd. Hallam was a non-profit making Industrial and Provident Society also operating under non-charitable rules, founded in 1966 as a 'cost rent' society.

Chevin now owns and manages around 6,000 rented homes covering a wide range of needs including single people, families, older people and people with support needs. The homes are located across 20 local authorities.

The association is partners with a range of local authorities both rural and urban, providing development and regeneration expertise.

Chevin also employs the Group's corporate services staff, who provide finance, IT, human resources and development services.

Harewood Housing Society Ltd

Like Chevin, Harewood is a 'not for profit' Industrial and Provident Society operating under non-charitable rules. It was registered with the Housing Corporation in 1970.

Since the transfer of the rented homes to Chevin in 2003, the society manages and maintains the Group's leasehold stock. The society is continuing to develop the full range of leasehold opportunities across Yorkshire and the Humber. The society also provides a management and financial service to around 1650 private sector leaseholders.



Synergy Partnership



The Synergy Partnership

The Synergy partnership consists of 8 regionally based housing associations, who initially came together to become a Housing Corporation development Partner for Yorkshire and the Humber. The housing association partners are:

- Arches Housing Ltd
- Broadacres Housing Association Ltd
- Chevin Housing Association Ltd (Lead)
- Connect Housing Association Ltd
- Pennine Housing 2000 Ltd
- Sadeh Lok Housing Group Ltd
- Wakefield and District Housing Ltd
- Yorkshire Coast Homes Ltd

The Synergy partnership was first selected by the Housing Corporation as a "pilot" partner in 2004 and successfully delivered a programme in excess of £26m of Social Housing Grant with total scheme costs of some £75m. For the years 2006-08 the partnership has been awarded an allocation of £38.8m to be delivered over the two years.

The partnership's asset base extends to over 60,000 homes ensuring that we consistently deliver services to the highest of standards.

Synergy Housing Solutions Ltd

Synergy Housing Solutions Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chevin Housing Group, and is responsible for the delivery of the housing development programme on behalf of the Synergy housing association partners. Synergy has four Constructor Partners – Clayfield Construction, Keepmoat, Southdale Homes and Strata – all selected through a competitive process.



Rosa Homes

We are pleased to announce our new brand name Rosa Homes which you will probably start noticing on future site boards, marketing material and in publications that we produce.

Rosa Homes is the name we are now using to market the properties we build for sale through the Chevin Housing Group. We hope that the brand will help our customers to distinguish between our homes for sale and homes for rent which will remain under Chevin Housing Association Ltd.

By having an identifiable logo we hope that we will be able to be at the forefront of customers' minds when considering the purchase of a new home.

Rosa Homes will have a dedicated telephone line (0845 0770027) and website (www.rosahomes.co.uk) which will be available for prospective purchasers, giving details of all properties for sale.

In the meantime, if you would like more information regarding properties for sale through Rosa Homes please contact the Sales and Marketing Team on 0845 2701088.



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