Press Release

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Southern Housing Group welcomes Malcolm Groves as new chair

Malcolm Groves has taken up the post of chair at Southern Housing Group, following the retirement of Andrew McIntyre at last night's AGM (8 July 2013).

Andrew McIntyre, who has chaired Southern Housing Group since 2004, along with Tony Bourne, Chair of Remuneration and Nominations Committee and Chris Hampson, Chair of Customer Services Committee all attended their final meeting last night and stood down under Southern Housing Group's maximum tenure retirement rules.

Tom Dacey, chief executive of Southern Housing Group, says: "Andrew, Tony and Chris have all been enthusiastic and dedicated champions of our work. We will miss them all and thank them for their contribution to our success.

"We have planned their succession carefully, so we continue with the momentum that they have generated, and I know that Malcolm will bring an energy to the role of chair that reflects his passion for our work and commitment to our residents."

Following a selection process last year, and in preparation for last night's handover, Malcolm was appointed as chair designate for the final year of Andrew's appointment until he took up his substantive post as chair this month. This ensured a smooth transition that has provided stability to the Board, retained all the valuable knowledge and learning gained over previous years, and will give seamless strategic direction to the Board and the Group.

Malcolm Groves, chair of Southern Housing Group, says: "Andrew has provided great leadership and direction to our Board, ensuring that it is effective in collectively planning and implementing the Group's strategy.

"I am committed to taking this forward, and playing my part in being a custodian of Southern Housing Group's legacy. This is a legacy which has provided housing for those in need for more than a 100 years, and continues to adapt to meet the housing needs of people in the 21st century."

Malcolm Groves is a communications professional with a financial services background. He has a particular interest in sustainable communities and chaired a Low Carbon Communities Project for the Ellen MacArthur Foundation. Malcolm is a

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations. He is former chair of South Wight Housing Association, which was acquired by Southern Housing Group in 2002, and has been a Board member of Southern Housing Group since 2011.

Notes to Editors

- Over the last 110 years, Southern Housing Group has become one of the largest housing associations in the south of England, housing 66,000 residents, managing more than 25,500 homes, employing almost 800 people and working with more than 70 local authorities across the South East, including the Isle of Wight.

- Our mission of 'Unlocking the potential of people and places' unites the organisation behind a common set of qualities and objectives.

- Our activities focus on four key areas: the development of quality affordable housing; housing and neighbourhood management; a range of housing options for rent and home ownership; and social and economic regeneration.

- Our social and economic regeneration work is undertaken to improve the lives of residents in the communities and neighbourhoods where we build and manage homes. It provides tangible evidence of our commitment to building sustainable communities.

- Southern Housing Group is a member of the g15, which represents London's 15 largest housing associations. The g15 houses one in ten Londoners and builds a quarter of London's new homes. We are working to solve the housing crisis by delivering good quality, affordable homes of all types. To find out more about the g15's work please visit www.g15.org.uk

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