

Press release

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Get four weeks rent free by signing up for Direct Debit

With the summer sun out and so many exciting activities to take part in, Hackney Homes wants to help residents take the stress out of paying their rent weekly.

That is why we are encouraging all residents to sign up to pay their rent by Direct Debit making it easier, simpler and more convenient. Over the summer months, all residents who sign up for Direct Debit will also be entered into a draw to get a month's rent free*.

Ibrahim Ali, Rents Manager in Hackney Homes said: "Residents are telling us that Direct Debit gives them peace of mind. They never forget to pay now as the rent is automatically transferred to Hackney Homes".

To sign up to pay rent by Direct Debit, residents can **phone the team** on 020 8356 2162 or fill in a form at their local neighbourhood housing office. You can pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

*** Sign up for direct debit by Friday 26 September for your chance to get a month's rent free. Residents must have a clear rent account to be eligible for entry.**

Ends

Press queries to Olaide Oyekanmi on 0208 356 3522, 0777 256 5514 or email olaide.oyekanmi@hackneyhomes.org.uk

Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) launched in April 2006 to manage the Council's social housing stock. Hackney Homes is responsible for managing 22,000 tenanted properties and 8,000 leasehold properties in the borough.
- Direct Debit is the easiest way to pay your rent. It allows payments to be automatically transferred from your bank account to us monthly. You don't need to worry about forgetting to make your payments– it is all taken care of automatically.

Our mission is to deliver excellent, responsive housing services with decent homes and estates. To help residents lead healthy lives in safe and sustainable communities.

www.hackneyhomes.org.uk

1. Phone us directly to sign up: Simply call us on 020 8356 2162 and we can help you sign up for direct debit.

2. Get a Direct Debit form from your Neighbourhood Office: You can pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly. You must make all payments in advance.

3. Call or visit your bank: When you call your bank you will need to give them our bank account number and sort code as follows:

Bank account number 61155033

Sort code 08-90-30