

## Press release

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### **Hackney Homes welcomes new resident Board member**

Following a successful election campaign, Homerton resident Terry Edwards has been appointed to the Hackney Homes Board to represent tenants and leaseholders of Hackney, by the Homerton neighbourhood.

Terry has lived in Hackney his entire life and has been involved with Council housing for more than 30 years. He is currently the Chair of the Homerton Neighbourhood Panel MESH and Frampton Park Tenants and Resident's Association.

A passionate campaigner for improving services for residents, Terry says he is excited by his appointment and is looking forward to continuing to expand services.

"Services for Hackney Council residents have improved in the last four or five years, but there is scope to do much more, and that was why I wanted to be on the Hackney Homes Board," Terry said

"I think we need to offer more youth facilities on estates; we can do more to make our estates safer and further reduce crime; and we need to offer more services for elderly residents."

Terry believes that the only way for these changes to happen is for tenants & residents to work with Hackney Homes and the Council in partnership.

"I would encourage residents to be more involved in their own future and their own housing and to have a say in what they want. In my capacity as Board member I hope to be able to encourage other residents to work together, and to work with Hackney Homes to deliver the services that residents want."

Besides his long-term commitment to resident involvement, Terry brings to the position a range of business skills developed during his career working in the upholstery and bedding industry, including experience of running a successful business. In the last 25 years of his working life Terry worked in education for City & East London/ City & Islington Colleges as Purchasing/Contracts Manager, he was also a College Governor for ten years, and Chief Steward/Branch Secretary NUPE/Unison for twenty years.

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**Notes to editor:**

The campaign to recruit a Homerton resident representative for the Hackney Homes Board was undertaken by Electoral Reform Services. Tenants and leaseholders were invited to nominate for the position, and were then able to vote for their preferred choice.

**HACKNEY HOMES – ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ALMO BOARD**

More than 1400 Homerton tenants and leaseholders cast a vote in the election, representing 20.6% of all Hackney Council tenants and leaseholders in the neighbourhood.

The results were as follows:

EDWARDS, Terry	971	<b>ELECTED</b>
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QARAU, Sam	234	

The Hackney Homes Board brings together a wealth of experience, community knowledge and commitment and they are playing an important role in transforming Hackney's housing.

Three different groups of people make up the board: six elected resident representatives, five appointed independent board members and five Councillors nominated by Hackney Council. The Board is currently chaired by resident representative Rupert Tyson.