

Press release

Hackney Homes Board gets four new faces

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Hackney Homes Board has got four new faces following a recruitment process. Three independent members, Pamela Lockley, Andrew McMillan and Tom Tyson have been appointed, a new leaseholder representative, Joel Gordon has been elected and the current resident representative for Stoke Newington David Larkin as been re-elected.

Pamela Lockley brings a wealth of knowledge and experience of housing, law and management to the Board. With over 28 years experience in the social housing sector, she started as an estate officer in Hammersmith and Fulham and has taken on several senior roles in London boroughs including Camden, Hillingdon and Islington.

Pamela said: "I am very proud to be a new Board Member for Hackney Homes. I am a strong supporter of the ALMO ideal, and Hackney is an exciting place whose reputation across London is going from strength to strength."

Andrew McMillan, a corporate communications and employee engagement specialist, brings 15 years experience from both the public and private sector. Currently leading on internal communications for HM Revenue and Customs, Andrew has knowledge of social housing and working in large organisations that are going through change."

Andrew said: "I first visited Hackney during my involvement with the Thames Gateway development, and then working on the preparations for London 2012. Hackney Homes has a major role to play in transforming the borough and the lives of local residents, so I'm delighted to be involved in helping the organisation on its journey."

Tom Tyson works for Lambeth Council as a Policy Manager. In this role, Tom works closely with the ALMO, Lambeth Living and also takes the lead for resident involvement. Tom brings his knowledge and experience of local authority housing management as well policy development to this role on the Board.

Joel Gordon has lived in the London Fields area of Hackney for over three years. Joel has a passion for getting involved to make a difference to the lives of local people, actively participating in tenant's and residents association meetings and discussions. Joel is also an active member of the Young

Enterprise charity, helping school students gain practical experience of business and enterprise through setting up and running their own real companies. Professionally, he works in the IT project management field and has over ten years experience working with a number of large central government departments.

Joel says: “I am really excited about joining the Hackney Homes Board. It is a great opportunity to highlight the priorities and concerns of Hackney Homes customers and assist in enabling better outcomes for local people”.

Rupert Tyson, Chair of Hackney Homes Board said: I am pleased with the new appointments to the Hackney Homes Board. Over the past three years, the Board has worked closely with Hackney Homes staff and management team and Hackney Council and together we have brought about changes and improvements to the services delivered to residents. I and the rest of the Board look forward to working with Tom, Joel, Pam and Andrew to build on these successes.

For more information about the Hackney Homes Board, check the website www.hackneyhomes.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes manages council housing, collects rents, repairs and maintains some 24,000 council homes in the borough.
- Our Board brings together a wealth of experience, community knowledge and commitment and they are playing an important role in transforming homes in the borough.
- 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.