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HELEN EVANS BECOMES NETWORK HOUSING GROUP's NEW CEO

Network Housing Group has announced the appointment of a new chief executive, Helen Evans. She has taken up the position, which followed a vigorous selection process, following six months service as Interim Chief Executive. Helen joined the group in March 2010 as Director of London Operations and now becomes the third female chief executive in the G15 group of London housing associations.

Group chair Andy Watson said: "I'm delighted that Helen has agreed to accept the appointment. In the last six months the Group has worked hard to ensure continuity and it has successfully consolidated the successes in customer service and efficiency that were initiated by her predecessor, for whom she worked as Director of London Operations. Helen has always stressed how we are all in the business of customer service, whatever our actual job title, and this central premise lies at the heart of our organisation. The board looks forward to working with her in the exciting and challenging times ahead."

Helen said: "I am delighted to have been offered this job and am grateful for the confidence which the chair and the boards have shown in me. This group of organisations has a record of proud achievement and fantastic potential for the future. I consider myself fortunate to have the opportunity to help realise that future."

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Notes to editors

1. Helen Evans joined the Group in March 2010. Prior to that she was the Chief Executive of Brent Housing Partnership; she had previously been Assistant Director of Housing at Brent Council, with responsibility for housing management. She began her housing career at Southwark Council.

2. Network Housing Group comprises seven registered providers. The non asset-holding parent in the Group, Network Housing Group Limited, provides strategic leadership and co-ordination, development and corporate services to its six key subsidiary associations: Community Trust Housing, London Strategic Housing, Mitali Housing Association, Network Stadium Housing Association, Riversmead Housing Association and Willow Housing & Care. In addition, Solon Community Network provides independent resident consultancy. Altogether the Group manages 17,000 homes, mostly in London and Hertfordshire.

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