

Press release

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GCH Support Launch of Podsmead Neighbourhood Watch



On the 1st July, Gloucester City Homes, in partnership with the Podsmead Tenants Association and the Neighbourhood Watch Team launched the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Podsmead area.

Gloucester City Homes has sponsored new signs for the Neighbourhood Watch which are being attached to lamp posts in prime sites throughout Podsmead.

David Fewes, a member of the Podsmead Tenants Association, said:

“We are delighted that Gloucester City Homes had provided us with the money to provide new signs for the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. They are far more prominent than the previous signs and we are really pleased to be working with Gloucester City Homes and the Neighbourhood Watch.”

Victoria King-Lowe, the Anti-Social Behaviour Manager with Gloucester City Homes said:

“It is really important that we raise the profile of preventing crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities and we are pleased to support the Podsmead Tenants Association and the Police in any way we can. We work closely with a range of partners to deliver services which bring harmony and peace to local communities.”

The attached photo shows members of Podsmead Tenants Association with Gloucester City Homes staff and the Neighbourhood Watch Team.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Gloucester City Homes is a 2 star Arms Length Management Company, which provides housing management services to 4500 homes in Gloucester on behalf of the City Council. The company is carrying out a £40 million improvement programme to bring customers' homes to the Decent Homes Standard. Since Gloucester City Homes was created in 2005 it has:

- Achieved a 2* rating (Good service) from the Audit Commission in June 2007
- Secured £39.6 million in Decent Homes funding to meet the Government's Decent Homes standard and completed improvements to over 1200 homes in the City.
- Become the first housing provider in the County to achieve a Gold standard for its supporting people services
- Achieved Investors in People Accreditation for performance management of our staff
- Achieved ISO 9001 for Quality Management systems, re-accredited again on the 9th March 2009 following re-inspection
- Achieved "managing for others" status with the Housing Corporation
- Achieved Investment Partner status with the Housing Corporation
- Implemented a programme of training for staff to achieve the Institute of Customer Service Awards
- Achieved the Customer Services Excellence Award in April 2009
- Achieved the Equalities Framework Award April 2009