



## Press release

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### **Anti-social behaviour injunction success for GCH**

On 29th September 2009 Gloucester City Homes (GCH) was granted a full 12 month Anti-social Behaviour Injunction against Elisha Foster, as a result of violent behaviour towards residents and visitors to Churchill Road. It is alleged that Elisha Foster caused significant injuries to two women, one of whom is aged 63, following a parking dispute outside her mother's property.

Elisha Foster has subsequently been excluded from Churchill Road, The Oval Gloucester.

District Judge Watkins granted the Injunction with a power of arrest to prohibit Elisha Foster from:

- Entering or attempting to enter Churchill Road, The Oval or the immediate vicinity
- Using or threatening to use violence against any person residing in, visiting or engaging in a lawful activity at Churchill Road, and/or in the locality of The Oval, including witnesses and any member of the Claimants staff or Agent employed on behalf of GCH or Gloucester City Council
- Using intimidating, abusive and/or threatening behaviour words or language to anyone residing in, visiting or engaging in a lawful activity at Churchill Road The Oval aforesaid and/or in the locality
- Engaging in, or threatening to engage in any conduct causing or likely to cause, a nuisance or annoyance to any person with a right (of whatever description) to reside in or occupy housing accommodation owned or previously owned by Gloucester City Council.

Chief Executive Ashley Green said "I am delighted that we have succeeded in this action against someone who clearly has no respect for other people and who has demonstrated such level of violence in our communities.

Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated by GCH and swift, effective action will be taken to resolve it. As has been seen in the national press recently, no one should

live with the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour through the persecution of others. We are determined to work with the Police and other agencies to stamp out this problem.”

Sarah Wilce, GCH Anti-Social Behaviour Officer added “GCH takes reports of anti-social behaviour very seriously and I hope the granting of this injunction demonstrates our commitment to making our city a safer place. GCH recognises the bravery of the witness coming forward to take a stand against ASB.”

Sgt Lyn Northfield of Gloucestershire Police commented “We fully support the robust action taken by GCH against tenants who put their tenancy at risk in this way. This result clearly displays a positive multi agency approach towards making our communities safer.”

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**Gloucester City Homes** is a 2 star Arms Length Management Company, which provides housing management services to 4900 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 in September 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



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