



Press release

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St Paul's School prizes for recycling project at Gloucester City Homes

On the 17th June the children of St Paul's Primary School received their prizes from the Chief Executive, Ashley Green, at Gloucester City Homes as part of raising awareness of the importance of recycling.

Working in partnership with the teachers at St Paul's, young people were asked to create artwork out of thrown away articles used in daily life. The whole purpose of the project was to make young people aware of the importance of recycling. The children turned the materials in to a range of designs including telescopes, boats and football pitches as examples.

Sarah Crawford who is Gloucester City Homes' environmental champion said

"This project was fantastic and the young people of St Paul's had a fantastic time making their designs and then enjoying the tea and prize giving ceremony at GCH headquarters. It was a fantastic event made in to fun on a very serious project. We are delighted to work in partnership with young people in highlighting the importance of recycling."

Ashley Green, Chief Executive of Gloucester City Homes echoed the comments of Sarah and said

"The Environmental Strategy of Gloucester City Homes is vital and we are implementing a range of measures including the energy efficiency of our tenants homes and making sure that all of our partners use sustainable materials in installing kitchens, bathrooms and any other improvements we make to our tenants properties. Equally we insist that all of our partners have a strict recycling policy on all materials removed from a tenant's home when we make improvements. The work done by the children of St Paul's was great and it was a pleasure to meet such a vibrant group of young people and their teachers."

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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