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New Chair and new board members strengthen Eden Housing Association

Eden Housing Association (EHA) starts the New Year with a new Board Chair and three new Board members. The renewed team has a variety of backgrounds and skills, bringing a range of expertise that will strengthen the Association.

Newly appointed as Board Chair is Henry Barker. He joined the Board in 2009 and brings with him experience as a past Chair and Board member with Derwent & Solway HA and a wide range of experience in Tenant and Resident involvement including as a Tenant Inspector with the Audit Commission. Supporting as Vice Chair is David Whitehead who now lives locally and brings a wealth of relevant knowledge and experience from his time as Chief Executive of a housing association based in Yorkshire.

New members joining the Board include Roger Roberts who spent 8 ½ years as Chief Executive of ACTion with Communities in Cumbria. He has worked the Association on several occasions in the past, having in-depth knowledge of rural housing and community issues.

Also joining the Board is retired Accountant Ronnie Kenyon. As well as a strong financial background, he is a keen advocate of community activity and has many local links. The third new board member is Allan Dickson who has years of local authority experience and brings a wealth of environmental health, housing and governance support knowledge.

John Clasper, Managing Director at EHA said “Our new Board members are recruited on the basis of their skills, experience and knowledge and to reflect the communities the Association serves. They are drawn as widely as possible to reflect the Association's responsibility to all of its stakeholders and others interested in furthering affordable housing objectives locally.

We are pleased to have attracted three new members who not only compliment our existing skills, but they bring new expertise to the team.”

The Board consists of voluntary unpaid members - there are currently 10 Board Members. The Association is always keen to hear from anyone interested in helping support the development of the Association. For more details, contact John Clasper at Eden Housing Association on 01768 861 400 or email john.clasper@edenha.org.uk



Picture Caption: John Clasper MD welcomes Henry Barker and David Whitehead as Chair and Vice Chair of the EHA Board.