

## Golden Gates Housing Trust press release

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### **GGHT Appoint New Chair of Board!**

Roy Smith has been elected the new Chair of the **Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT)** Board at the Trust's AGM on 21 September 2011. Roy has been elected for the next 12 months and will be supported by Fran Murray, a GGHT tenant, who has been appointed Deputy Chair.

Before joining the GGHT Board in 2009, Roy was a Council member to the Housing Options Panel which proved instrumental in determining the future of Golden Gates Housing Stock prior to transfer. Roy served as a Councilor for 11 years, he lives in Great Sankey and is currently a trustee of four local charities, including Golden Gates Housing Trust. In May 2011 the Council nominated Roy to continue to serve as its representative on the GGHT Board of Directors.

Speaking after his appointment as the new Chair, Roy commented: "I am looking forward to developing upon the successes and achievements of GGHT over the next 12 months".

Sue Smith has also joined the Board having been appointed as an Independent Board Member following the retirement from the Board of Jim Stockton. Sue is the Director of Finance and Performance at Halton Housing Trust.

The Board have also appointed 2 Co-opted Board Members, Greg Bones who is the Director of Resources at Cheshire, Peaks and Plains Housing and Greig Lees who is the Head of Regeneration at Northwards ALMO.

Peter Mercer, **Chief Executive of GGHT**, said: "I look forward to working with

Roy and the rest of the board over the next 12 months to achieve our vision of being a leading housing provider and to continue to invest in our homes and neighbourhoods."

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### **About Golden Gates Housing Trust**

Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) launched on 29 November 2010, formed as part of the Stock Transfer of 8,700 homes from Warrington Borough Council. The transfer converted the successful Arms Length Management Organisation Golden Gates Housing into a registered provider of social housing.

GGHT will be investing around £105M in tenants' homes and neighbourhoods over the first 5 years and £530M over 30 years to deliver the "Warrington Standard". This Standard has been developed by GGHT's tenants to ensure that improvements and investment is prioritised in the areas that tenants have said are a priority. Plans include the installation of double glazing and secured front and rear doors in all properties over the next five years as well as environmental improvements such as fencing, gates, path and lighting.