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New Chief Executive arrives at Tower Hamlet Homes

Tower Hamlets Homes, the ALMO managing council tenants and leaseholders' properties on behalf of Tower Hamlets Council, has a new Chief Executive. Gavin Cansfield will join the organisation on 3 November 2008.

Gavin has spent the last four years as Chief Executive of Hanover in Hackney. He was also a member of the Executive team; his portfolio included responsibility for strategy and improvement, focusing on strategic change and engagement opportunities for residents and staff.

Gavin says: 'I am really excited about joining Tower Hamlets Homes; the job offers the opportunity to create an organisation that is passionate about delivering great services and being accountable to residents. We need to build on the sense of pride that people rightly feel in their communities; our role is to help shape those neighbourhoods; creating places that are aspirational and inclusive, where people can thrive and actively choose to live.'

With a background in housing, regeneration and homelessness, Gavin has worked for a number of housing associations in the West Midlands and London. He has managed services for homeless people, a housing advice service, regeneration programmes, including New Deal for Communities and, prior to joining Hanover, he was London Regional Director for Southern Housing Group.

Gavin continues: "In everything we do the foundation stone has to be the residents. We need to deliver great services; get the basics right and go the extra mile to transform both people's homes and the places where they live."

In Hackney Gavin was a member of the Local Strategic Partnership – Team Hackney – where he was Board Champion for the Local Area Agreement and Community Engagement and served as co-chair of the Better Homes Partnership. He has been a member of the National Council for the National Housing Federation, is a member of the Commission for Co-operative and Mutual Housing and board member of the Housing Association Charitable Trust ('hact').

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Attached:

Picture of Gavin Cansfield, new Chief Executive of THH

More pictures at: <http://towerhamletshomes.fotopic.net/c1601820.html>

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Notes to editor:

1. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arm's-length management organisation (ALMO) managing approx. 22,000 tenants and leasehold properties on behalf of the Tower Hamlets council. Tower Hamlets Homes, which went live on 7 July 2008 , is a not-for-profit and 100% owned by the TH Council.
www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk
2. Team Hackney is Hackney's local strategic partnership dedicated to improving residents lives by bringing together partnership working www.teamhackney.org
3. Housing Association Charitable Trust ('hact') is a development agency acting as a bridge between housing associations and the Third Sector www.hact.org.uk

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