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Tower Hamlets Homes appoints new directors

Abraham Nofamo, Les Warren and Sayeed Kadir are set to join Tower Hamlets Homes, an arm's length management organisation (ALMO), in February. They will join Jamie Carswell, Director of Strategy and Performance, who has been in his post since January.

The four new appointments follow the move to recruit permanent strategic management team to help Tower Hamlets Homes secure the government funding and enable the delivery of the 'decent homes' programme by 2012.

Les Warren, until recently Interim Director of Finance and Resources at Lambeth Living, will join the organisation on 2 February 2009.

Sayeed Kadir, the new Director of Asset Management, will be joining from Newham Homes on 9 February 2009; and Abraham Nofamo, from Ealing Homes, will take over the Housing Management and Customer Services on 23 February 2009.

All come highly experienced with an extensive background in housing, and experience of work in other London boroughs.

Gavin Cansfield, Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive, said: "I am delighted with the appointments. Les, Sayeed, Abraham and Jamie bring a wealth of experience with them and will help to enhance our services to make a real difference to our residents and bring the homes and neighbourhoods we manage up to a decent homes standard."

Tower Hamlets Homes will be inspected by the Audit Commission in 2010. A minimum two star rating would help the organisation with the funding for a decent homes programme that will cost £400m in total to invest into council-owned and Tower Hamlets Homes managed properties.

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Notes to editor:

1. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arm's length management organisation (ALMO) managing approximately 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. Decent homes standard- Government's initiative that aims to make all council housing 'decent', meaning warm, weatherproof with reasonably modern facilities. <http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/decenthomes/whatis/>
3. ALMOs that are assessed by the Audit Commission's Housing Inspectorate as good or excellent (two or three stars) can secure additional investment to help it meet the decent homes standard.

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