



## **CONVERSION TO A COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY (CBS) PROPOSAL - FAQ JIGSAW HOMES TAMESIDE**

### **> What is proposed?**

The board of Jigsaw Homes Tameside, subject to regulators and funders providing consent, is looking to convert Jigsaw Homes Tameside from a charitable company limited by guarantee, to a community benefit society (CBS).

### **> Why is the conversion taking place?**

The conversion to a CBS will help to harmonise the constitutions of the landlords within the Jigsaw Homes Group and streamline governance arrangements. This will help make decision making simpler.

### **> What will happen and by when?**

Should the necessary consent(s) be granted and subject to the outcome of the resident consultation, we expect the conversion to a CBS to take place for 01 April 2025. Jigsaw Homes Tameside will still retain charitable status and therefore will still be subject to charity law. We will announce the outcome of the consultation on our website.

### **> I'm a leaseholder. What does this mean for me?**

The terms of your lease will not change.

### **> What will the conversion to a CBS mean for my tenancy? Will I have to move out?**

No. Your tenancy rights are unaffected and you do not have to move out.

### **> Will I get a new tenancy agreement?**

No. Your existing tenancy agreement will remain in force.

### **> Is my security of tenure affected?**

No, your tenancy rights are not affected in any way.

### **> Will my rent be affected?**

The conversion to a CBS does not affect the amount of rent you will be asked to pay in the future. Your next rent increase will be at the usual date detailed in your Tenancy Agreement and in line with Government guidelines.

### **> How should I pay my rent in future?**

The way you pay your rent is not affected and you should continue to pay rent as you do now.

### **> If I am in receipt of benefits or Universal Credit, will this change?**

If you are in receipt of benefits or Universal Credit, your claim is not affected.

### **> If I have the Right To Buy or the Right To Acquire, will this change?**

If you have the Right To Buy or the Right To Acquire, this is not affected. The conversion to a CBS does not change your statutory rights.

**> How will I report repairs in future?**

The way you report repairs is not affected and you should continue to report repairs as you do now.

**> What does this mean for the staff and for people's jobs?**

The staff you deal with will not change and no jobs are affected by this proposal.

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