

Tenant voice strengthened on NFA Board

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Sarita-Marie Rehman Wall has been named as the new Chair of the NFA Board.

The former board Vice-Chair and tenant representative from NFA member Nottingham City Homes succeeds Six Town Housing's Hugh Broadbent who stood down in April at the end of his three-year term. Sarita-Marie's appointment will be confirmed by the board at its next meeting on 11 June 2019.

Sarita has been a passionate and energetic activist in the voluntary and community sector for almost 25 years. The focus of her work has been equality and diversity, social inclusion, advocacy and active citizenship. She is an ardent advocate for social justice and social and affordable housing.

Sarita-Marie said: "I am honoured and delighted to have been invited to take over as chair of the NFA board. This is an amazing opportunity to work for the next three years alongside the dynamic members of this federation who are all passionate about delivering the very best in social housing services.

"I'm particularly proud of the fact that, from June, a third of the membership of our board will be tenants. This underlines the fact that the ALMO housing management movement has always been committed to tenant inclusion and scrutiny, and it comes at a time when tenant voice has never been more important."

Two new members will join the board as Sarita-Marie takes the chair.

Shane Brimfield has been an active Cheltenham Borough Homes tenant since 2013, holding the posts of Vice-Chair of the CBH Tenant Scrutiny Improvement Panel and membership of its board. From his working life, he brings management experience and knowledge and skills from the construction and health and safety sectors. His arrival brings the number of tenants on the nine-strong NFA board to three, with Sarita-Marie and Sue Abbott of Northwards Housing.

Stockport Homes are also re-joining the NFA Board, nominating TPAS CEO Jenny Osbourne to represent them. Jenny was recently awarded an MBE for services to tenant engagement.

Roger Eastwood, who previously represented South Essex Homes before their recent departure, remains as the nominee of new board arrivals Eastbourne Homes.

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