



**Haringey** Council

<b>Briefing for:</b>	Scrutiny Review of Registered Housing Providers
<b>Title:</b>	The National Housing Federation
<b>Purpose of briefing:</b>	To provide a brief background about the National Housing Federation
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### **About the National Housing Federation**

The National Housing Federation represents 1,200 independent, not-for-profit housing associations in England and is the voice of affordable housing. Its members provide two and a half million affordable homes for more than five million people. More than 90% of housing association stock in England is owned or managed by Federation members.

### **Aims of the National Housing Federation**

The mission of the National Housing Federation is to support and promote the work that housing associations do and campaign for better housing and neighbourhoods.

It has five strategic aims:

- Create the conditions for our members to flourish
- Ensure housing associations have a strong and positive reputation
- Lead the housing and neighbourhoods policy agenda nationally and locally
- Provide excellent, highly valued organisational and business support for all our customers and their tenants
- Ensure the National Housing Federation is an exemplary organisation and a great place to work.

### **The work of the National Housing Federation**

This includes the following:

- Campaigns at a local and national level to ensure housing associations can continue to deliver affordable housing.
- Developing policy on key housing and neighbourhood issues such as sustainability, care and support, equality and homelessness.

- Runs events, conferences and exhibitions to provide up to date information and the latest good practice in the social housing sector.
- Provides a comprehensive national training programme specifically aimed at housing professionals and board members across the sector.
- Publishes guides, books, manuals, online resources and free downloadable documents for housing professionals.
- Provides organisational and business support for Federation members and their tenants.

### **Facts about the London region**

- London has about 350 housing associations which own and manage around 400,000 properties - providing a home to one in ten Londoners.
- The largest 15 London housing associations contribute £6-7bn a year to the economy.
- London housing association weekly rents average £85.56 - less than half private sector rents of £206.62.
- Nearly 7% of households are overcrowded - more than 2.5 times the national rate and the highest proportion in the country.