

Pentland and Cairn

Stronger together; better for tenants



Pentland Housing Association are exploring the possibility of a transfer to Cairn Housing Association. We think this change would be in the best interests of our tenants and other customers. This means combining the strengths of Pentland and Cairn into one organisation.

This move would bring considerable benefits to Pentland Housing Association tenants, including:

- An affordable rent guarantee
- Guaranteed investment in tenants' homes
- Continued local services from an office in Thurso
- The opportunity to become part of a larger organisation, with greater resources and financial security

The transfer to Cairn will only go ahead if Pentland Housing Association tenants vote for it in a formal secret ballot, which could take place later in 2020. All tenants and joint tenants will have a vote.

Since we wrote to you announcing the start of discussions with Cairn, both organisations have been going through a 'due diligence' process. This has involved both organisations sharing detailed information such as finances and governance arrangements. A significant part of the due diligence process has been the requirement for a stock condition survey of Pentland's homes. The survey is being carried out by David Adamson Group and Cairn and Pentland will look at what the survey tells us about future investment needs for Pentland's homes.

The next stage of the partnership discussions would be involving tenants and other customers in the development of a Business Case which will outline the services and promises that would be on offer if tenants vote for the transfer. We will be in contact in the next few months with an update on progress and invitations to pop in events, where you can find out more and ask questions.

If you would like to find out more about the proposed transfer to Cairn, please contact us. Alternatively, you can contact your independent tenant advisor, TPAS, on 0141 552 3633, who are available to provide independent advice and information about the transfer process and your rights as tenants to participate.

TPAS is an independent tenant led organisation who have worked for many years with tenants and landlords across Scotland. If you have any questions about the process or want more information, please contact Lesley Baird, TPAS Chief Executive, free on 0800 049 5761 or email lesley.baird@tpasscotland.org.uk

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