

# Pentland and Cairn

Stronger together; better for tenants



## Update on transfer project with Cairn and an invite to events in Wick and Thurso

In our December newsletter we updated you on our discussions with Cairn Housing Association about a proposed transfer, which would see Pentland Housing Association's homes and services become part of Cairn. 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.

We would like to invite you to pop in for a coffee, biscuit and a chat with your independent advisor Lesley Baird from TPAS and Neil Golithly from Cairn. It's a chance for you to ask questions and find out a bit more.

The **Wick** drop in will be from **3pm to 6pm** on **16th March** at the **Pultney Centre** on Huddart Street.

The **Thurso** drop in will be from **3pm to 7.30pm** on **17th March** at the **Pentland Hotel** on Princes Street.

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. All tenants and joint tenants will have a vote.**

We are now nearing the end of a period of 'due diligence' which has involved both organisations exploring the feasibility of a transfer and what that might mean for your future services, rent affordability and investment in your homes. Our Board are keen to take this time to fully explore every option and the detail of any future partnership promises, that would form the basis of a ballot on the future of Pentland Housing Association.

As the project develops there will be opportunities to influence the transfer proposals, and there would be a period of formal consultation before any tenant ballot.

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, Lesley Baird from TPAS, on freephone 0800 049 5761, or [lesley.baird@tpasscotland.org.uk](mailto:lesley.baird@tpasscotland.org.uk) who will provide independent advice and information about the proposed transfer process and your rights as tenants to participate.

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