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Keeping sourcing local will help Ceredigion businesses and jobs

With £136 million to spend over the next 30 years Tai Ceredigion is seeking local suppliers and businesses to help them improve local homes. Commissioning local builders and tradespeople is a priority of the new housing organisation and it is off to a flying start with a 'Meet the buyer' event at the end of this month.

The move comes at a time when local building trades have seen a downturn in the recession and this new opportunity is being warmly received by local businesses. Tai Ceredigion's commitment to local sourcing is part of its sustainability agenda.

The event, held in conjunction with the Welsh Assembly Government's Supplier Development Service, will take place at Tŷ Glyn Hotel, Ciliau Aeron on Thursday 28th January between 8am-10am where local construction companies can learn more about Tai Ceredigion's procurement plans for investment, general maintenance and refurbishment work.

Tai Ceredigion is the new, locally-based, not-for-profit housing association that will work in close partnership with the council and other partners operating in the area to help meet the needs of Ceredigion's tenants, residents and leaseholders.



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Steve Jones, Chief Executive of Tai Ceredigion commented “This is a great opportunity for local tradesmen and companies to come and meet us and find out what our plans are for the future regarding housing improvements.”

“After the transfer took place last month we have 2229 rented homes and 140 leasehold dwellings which all need maintaining and to be brought up to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard.”

Tai Ceredigion has charitable status, ensuring that more income can be ploughed back into improving tenants’ homes and running the housing service.

The transfer was approved by the majority of tenants and unlocks a huge increase in available funds for planned maintenance, property improvements and in the longer term new-build homes for local people.

Tai Ceredigion plans to spend up to £40m in the next five years on improvements and has begun to consult with tenants and leaseholders on the delivery of this programme.

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