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Tai Ceredigion celebrates its 1st Birthday

Tai Ceredigion, the local not-for-profit housing association has been up and running for a year since the housing stock transfer from Ceredigion County Council took place last December.

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

During the last twelve months Tai Ceredigion has been working hard delivering 100 out of 170 promises listed in their Offer Document, with 68 others started and none running late. This coming year will see the main home improvement work contracts starting on site around the county and big differences will start to be seen.

Promises met have included housing surgeries, estate walkabouts, freephone repairs and out of hours phone services; as well as a Tai Ceredigion code of conduct for contractors, a lettings standard, increased tenant involvement, quick win improvements and urgent disabled adaptations. The existing rights of tenants have been protected and the rent promise kept.

Steve Jones, Tai Ceredigion's Chief Executive said "We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last year since the housing stock transfer took place. It has been a very busy year and we value everyone's time, effort and views.

Some of the highlights have been establishing the Board and many groups and forums like the Tenant Monitoring Group, key partnerships with the County Council, local Community Councils, voluntary and care sector organisations to ensure we are delivering the best possible service to local communities, setting up local contracts, beginning improvements to empty homes and securing grants for energy efficiency projects, plus delivering our first ever Annual General Meeting and Tenants Conference. We have also established the shareholder scheme which entitles anyone to become a shareholder of Tai Ceredigion, with voting rights.

Going forward we have been involving tenants, staff, Board members, public and voluntary sectors partners in preparing a new Business Plan for the next 5 years, with the aim of delivering the wider goals that the Tai Ceredigion Board promised in the Offer Document, which includes helping the local community and economy."