

## **CONSTRUCTING EXCELLENCE LAUNCHES A NEW INNOVATION IN PRACTICE PROGRAMME**

*The new programme is the latest evolution of the Constructing Excellence Demonstrations*

**London, 2 September 2009:** Constructing Excellence is delighted to announce the launch of the Innovation in Practice programme for its members. The new programme is an exciting opportunity for organisations to get involved in knowledge sharing throughout the sector and is the latest evolution of the Demonstration programme.

Constructing Excellence is looking for companies within the construction sector to compete for their projects or organisational change programmes to achieve Innovation in Practice status. Jon de Souza, Director, Constructing Excellence said: "We are really excited about the new Innovation in Practice programme as it will enable us to gather in-depth best practice information from forward-thinking, innovative projects and organisations that will help us to prove the business case for change across industry".

Constructing Excellence is pleased to announce that the first member company to be accepted onto the new programme is Worthing Homes who are developing a pilot scheme 'Residents 4 Low Impact Sustainable Homes' (RELISH) which proposes to work towards the Government's 80% target reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The project wishes to demonstrate through a combination of low cost retrofit improvements and resident education, how a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions can be sensibly achieved in occupied homes.

Robin Roberts, Property Services Director, Worthing Homes said: "We are delighted to be involved in Constructing Excellence's new Innovation in Practice programme, as it showcases our project through a well respected national best practice organisation."

Outputs from the programme will include in-depth case studies, events and other profile raising activities.

Constructing Excellence is the only industry-wide body operating in the UK built environment industry and the new Innovation in Practice programme will assist them in their remit to deliver a better built environment across the UK by sharing best practice.

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## **Notes to editors:**

### **About Constructing Excellence:**

Constructing Excellence is the leading think tank and best practice organisation in the UK built environment sector. Its core funding members include clients, contractors, consultants, specialists and suppliers across the buildings and estates, infrastructure and housing sectors. Its current work programme is based on four core themes, including:

- o Integration & Collaborative Working
- o Sustainability
- o Value
- o Leadership & People Development

Its evidence-based approach is based on action research, innovation, demonstration, measurement, networking, guidance and influence.

For more information, please visit <http://www.constructingexcellence.org.uk>

### **About Worthing Homes:**

Worthing Homes provides homes for over 6000 customers in the Sussex coastal area through affordable rented homes, key worker accommodation, low cost shared ownership, sheltered housing and new homes as part of the Sappling Housing partnership. They also provide additional services: RedAssure a telecare and personal response service; repairs and maintenance through Homespace and garden / estate maintenance through Greenspace.

As a part of their ten year anniversary celebrations, Worthing Homes has launched a new initiative, aimed at creating a lasting legacy. Residents 4 Low Impact Sustainable Homes (RELISH) is a pilot scheme to market test the impact of a combined refurbishment and a resident education programme. This research will focus on how economically deliverable initiatives on traditional social housing stock can contribute to effective emission reductions. The research will also evaluate how important resident behaviour is in delivering positive results.

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