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## **Local Volunteer Qualifies**

Tom Winter, 85, Chairperson of Clydebank Housing Association's (CHA) voluntary Management Committee and a tenant, has achieved a customised award in Governance of Scottish Housing Associations, assessed and accredited by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

Tom, with over 8 years' service, was elected as Chairperson at the Association's recent AGM. He is the first of CHA's committee to undertake this 1-year course, which was devised by SHARE (Scotland's leading provider of training and education for housing providers) and the SQA with support from the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Tom had to evidence his knowledge and show he understood his role, responsibilities and governance requirements as a committee member of a housing association. He built up a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate that he met the requirements of the qualification.

Sharon Keenan, Depute Director of CHA, who mentored Tom during the process, said, "We are delighted that Tom has achieved this important qualification for the benefit of both himself and the Association. Good governance is critical for an organisation such as ours and Tom, despite having a tough year, remained committed throughout the process."

Tom added, "There is a minefield of rules and regulations which we, as Management Committee members quite rightly have to understand and adhere to. Participating and being successful in this qualification has definitely increased my knowledge and skills and ensures that I can confidently and effectively contribute to the work of CHA."

CHA's staff and fellow management committee members congratulate Tom on his success.

**Photocall:** please find enclosed with the e-mail a photograph of Tom Winter with his certificate.

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**Notes to Editor:** please also find enclosed a copy of our annual report for any statistical or financial information you may require about CHA.