

## **MBHA joins forces with other housing providers to share internal audit services**

Scott-Moncrieff has been chosen as the new internal auditor for a group of Scottish housing associations. Motivated by a desire to continually improve their services and help drive down costs, Margaret Blackwood, Trust, Dunedin Canmore and Hanover (Scotland) housing associations decided to join forces to procure a new shared service.

Margaret Blackwood Housing Association led the tendering project with procurement support from Trust. The associations, who had previously taken a traditional approach to internal auditing, were looking for a new service that was not only excellent value for money but one that was innovative. The associations involved will also hold joint learning sessions to share experiences and to look at performance improvement strategies.

Scott-Moncrieff has a number of RSL (Registered Social Landlord) clients and considerable expertise in the housing sector. They were appointed on Friday 1 April for a three year term and will be using a risk-based approach to work in partnership with staff from each association.

Jack Marshall, Director of Financial Services at Trust HA said, "This exercise has highlighted the potential savings which can be secured by working together towards common goals. We at Trust are looking forward to the benefits of working with Scott-Moncrieff to improve our overall internal controls and Risk Management processes."

Wendy Russell, Business Services Manager at MBHA said, "We were delighted to appoint Scott-Moncrieff as our new internal auditor. We believe they can bring a fresh perspective to our internal audit approach and this will ultimately help us to improve our services and ensure we achieve value for money."

Robert Mackenzie, Internal Audit Partner at Scott Moncrieff said, "Scott-Moncrieff were delighted to be appointed as MBHA's internal auditors. Their approach to this shared tendering exercise, working with other associations, demonstrated to us that they are the type of progressive housing association with which we enjoy working. We believe that innovative associations, who are willing to change and evolve, have the potential to thrive in the current challenging economic environment."

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