

# Annual Performance Review 2019-2020

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Dr. DEBORAH DONNELLY CHAIR

I am delighted to introduce our summary Annual Performance Review of 2019-2020.

This year marked the first of our five-year plan to achieve 1,000 homes under management by 2024 and the Board were particularly encouraged to see the Association make significant progress towards achieving that aim.

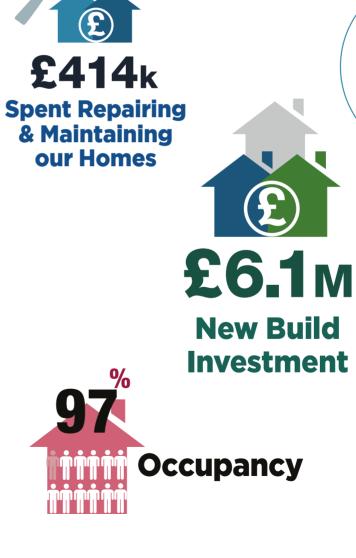
Despite being impacted by the COVID19 emergency in the final quarter of this year, we delivered 93 new build starts against our programme, with an additional 287 in progress for 2020-21. This was only achievable with the support of capital grant funding from the Department for Communities (DfC) and a £12m private finance arrangement with our partners at Danske Bank.

I am also extremely pleased to report that the Association received the highest possible rating by the NI Social Housing Regulator, the DfC, for the second year running. Our staff and Board worked extremely hard during the year to maintain the standards set last year across all regulatory areas, and this assessment rating speaks volumes of their continued commitment and professionalism. Financial performance for the year was also quite strong. All our key financial performance indicators were maintained. Our turnover increased to approximately £3.4m. We achieved a gross margin of 39% and a net margin of 24%. We continue to have a strong balance sheet with our property fixed assets increasing by almost £6m from the 2018-19 financial year to over £45m at March 2020.

Our board and staff team continue to keep service standards to the forefront of our planning and delivery, and this year through our Tenant Participation Strategy, we continued to engage with tenants through a wide range of community engagements and initiatives.

We made great strides towards enhancing our tenant involvement structures and avenues of engagement and I look forward to seeing these develop further still throughout 2020-21.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff, partners and board members for their contribution to the Association's success over the past year and I look forward to 2020-21 where we will continue to invest in quality social housing and the well-being of communities.

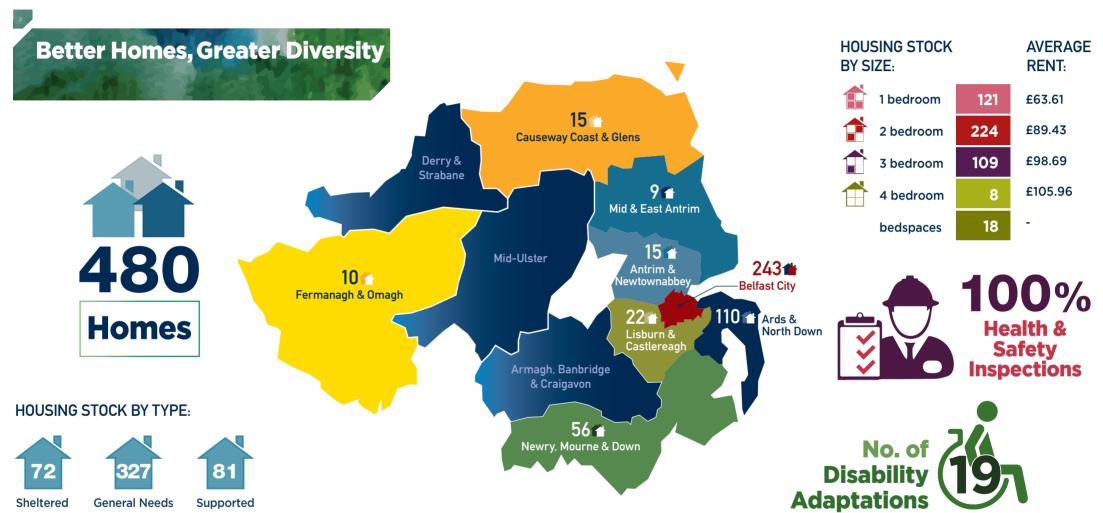


**Performance Highlights:** 

x28 new homes completed

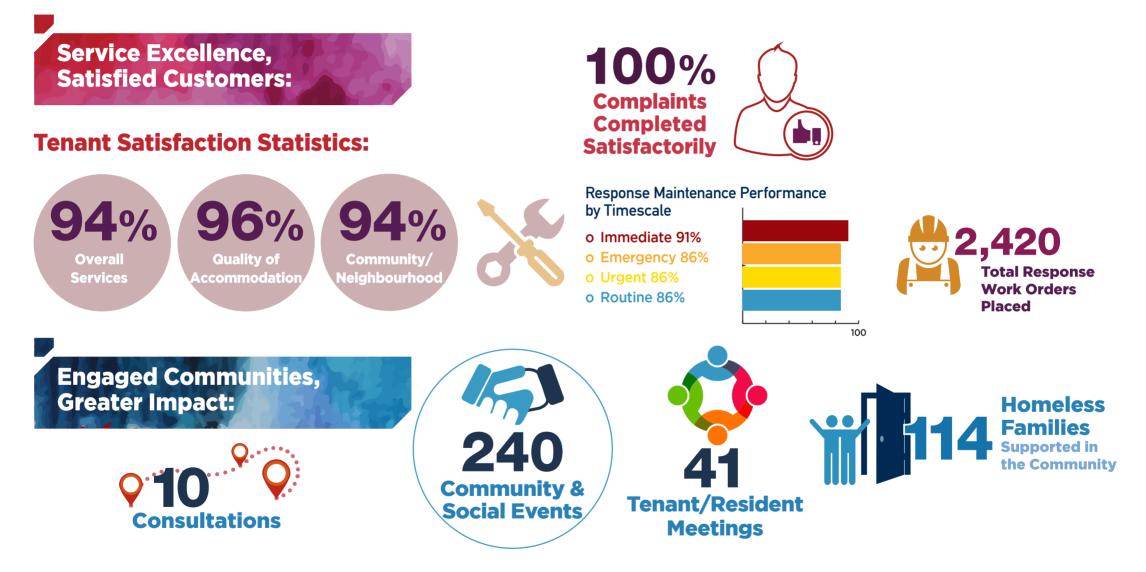
£3.4M

Turnover



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# 2017 - 2022 Vision

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# 2017 - 2022 Mission

In partnership, provide quality homes and support services to meet housing need and contribute to the well-being of communities



# 2017 - 2022 Values

Ark HOUSING

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