

AMBER HOUSING BOARD MEMBERS' SYNOPSIS

PETER HALL



Chair of Amber Housing Member of Remuneration Committee

- Appointed as Chair in November 2022.
- Currently MD of PHHS Ltd – providing strategic consultancy and executive interim support to Housing Associations & Local Authorities across the UK for the past 15 years
- BA (Hons) from the University of Nottingham followed by a Post Graduate Diploma in Housing at Sheffield Hallam University – the CIH and RICS professional qualification.
- Has had a varied and comprehensive 30-year career across housing - beginning as a customer service assistant and working his way up to Executive Director roles: most recently specialising in Asset Management & Building Safety
- Currently also a member of the BCP Homes Advisory Board

SUE GREENHILL



Director of Amber Housing

- Appointed to the Amber Housing Board in December 2020.
- Currently Head of Finance for Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing and serves as a Trustee for Nottingham Deaf Society.
- A qualified accountant & management of risk practitioner with public, private and charitable sector experience including in housing.
- Adept at providing professional advice and leadership regarding efficient and effective financial accounting and supporting systems, which includes commissioning, procurement and contract management.
- Formerly held positions of Director of Finance and Administration at Headway – The Brain Injury Association and Head of Finance and Business Planning at Doncaster Children's Services Trust.

BHAARAT VERMA



Director of Amber Housing

- Appointed to the Amber Housing Board in March 2022.
- Currently Independent Consultant – sustainability/ESG & brand/communications:
 - Helping organisations operate up in a way that is fit for the future through the development and implementation of robust sustainability strategies.
 - Building purpose-led brands tuned into the world's needs to reshape the relationship the private sector has with the environment and society as a whole.
 - Current/previous clients include: Wimpey Homes, BP, Tesco, British Land, Robinsons, Unite Group, Advent International, The World Economic Forum, Schroders, The World Business Council for Sustainable Development, GSK, Thomas Cook and Google Cloud.
- Formerly worked at UNPRI, an investor initiative backed by The United Nations to redefine investment practices around the principle of 'responsible investment'. The role involved understanding and setting best practices for how investors can promote good management of environmental, social and governance factors in investee companies to mitigate risks, identify opportunities and operate as good corporate citizens.
- Sustainability strategy, corporate citizenship, brand development, communications and marketing.
- Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP London.
- BA Hons. Politics & Philosophy, University of Durham.

NICHOLA HARRISON



Director of Amber Housing Member of Organisational Development & Resources Committee

- Appointed to the Amber Housing Board in November 2022.
- Currently Head of Health and Safety at Paradigm Housing Group and is a trustee for several charities as well as a Self Care Champion for the Self Care Forum, an NHS initiative.
- A highly qualified and experienced H&S professional across many sectors including housing and a Chartered Fellow of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.
- A retired Army officer with the Royal Military Police.

ASHLEY BEATON



Director of Amber Housing Member of Quality Improvement & Safety Committee

- Appointed to the Amber Housing Board in November 2022.
- Ashley has worked in housing across both public and private sector for over 10 years, specialising in delivering strategy, operations and customer focused service transformation.
- He is Assistant Neighbourhood Director (Lancaster West and Grenfell Housing Services) leading on all areas of operations including housing management and property services.
- He also holds a BA(Hons) in Business and English Language.

TERESA OCANSEY



Director of Amber Housing

- Appointed to the Amber Housing Board in August 2023.
- Acting as Co-optee to Amber Housing from November 2022.
- Board Member, Resident, Wandle, Non-Exec Director of Building a Safer Future Charter.
- Teresa has 10 years experience in local government and over 6 years in financial services.
- Teresa's current recent role consists of supporting projects within the civil service.
- Teresa is currently on the Board of Wandle Housing and serves on both the Audit & Risk Committee and Customer Experience Committee. As an involved resident since 2008 and served on Wandle's Scrutiny Panel from 2010-13 as a member and then as the Chair. She was appointed to their Board in 2013 and actively promotes the customer perspective and takes every opportunity to add to her knowledge of the housing association sector. Teresa joined the Board to support the organisation on their journey in making a positive difference to their residents.
- Her role as a Non-executive director for Building a Safer Future Charter, has reinforced the importance of creating positive leadership and culture, as this is the key driver in ensuring that there is seamless continuity when it comes to building safety.
- The road to improvement is a joint effort and we all need to be doing everything we can to improve the services we undertake.

A key aspect of all the roles undertaken is having exceptional communication skills which she has been able to develop by working with many colleagues across various sectors.

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