

## Julie Watson

I heard about Waverley Housing(WH)'s regeneration ambitions for Upper Langlee and was really impressed with their commitment to community and tenant engagement as part of the process. Having worked in new housing supply for many years I thought joining the Board would be my way of sharing my skills and knowledge to support WH on their new build journey and help make a positive difference to WH's tenants and local communities.

Being part of the WH Board is a great way to positively affect change. Not only do I get to share my opinions and skills, but I get to learn from other Board Members and Staff who offer different skills, experiences and perspectives - it's a great way to learn and keep up to date with what's happening across the sector not just in my area of expertise. Knowing that my contribution helps inform the work of WH and helps provide people with safe, warm homes is really rewarding.

I would encourage anyone interested in making a difference in housing and shaping the future of WH to become a Board Member. It's a great way to share your knowledge and passion with like-minded people who are all working together to achieve a common goal and help WH grow. The support and encouragement I've received from Staff and the Board since joining has been first class and the personal development opportunities have been brilliant.

In my spare time I like to travel to hot places and bake cakes! Last year I learned to crochet which is a great way to relax especially during the winter months.