

## Alan Brown

Having worked in Social Housing for some 40 years I sworn I wouldn't go on a RSL Board. There were a couple of tentative approaches from Edinburgh RSL. However, having done the 11 months consultancy, albeit in unfortunate circumstances, I appreciated that Waverley Housing (WH) was a very sound Company and that was at stage where my experience would be useful. So, when the CEO asked me I was happy to agree.

The staff, not just those directly associated with the Board, are very friendly and appear to appreciate the need for the Board. The other Members of the Board are also friendly.

Probably the best thing is that there is a feeling of an RSL on the move and that this is from a position of strength both financially and in terms of benchmarked performance.

The objective of social housing is to provide quality accommodation at affordable rates. Being part of such a Company, particularly one as well run as WH is very satisfying. It doesn't involve giving up a great deal of time and also volunteering brings the reward of a lot of satisfaction.

For younger folk looking for business experience it is ideal, they get to see all aspects of running an entity.

On a personal level I enjoy cycling, rugby watching and reading history books. I am also involved with a number of other charities in a voluntary capacity.