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Procure Plus Member Achieves Highest Audit Rating For a Second Time

Stockport Homes, a member of the newly merged Housing Consortium, **Procure Plus**, are celebrating after being awarded the highest possible rating in a recent inspection by the Audit Commission for the second time in the organisation's short history.

The Audit Commission stated in their report that Stockport Homes 'Continues to deliver one of the best housing services in the country and develops innovative new services to improve the social and financial inclusion of its tenants and wider communities.' It also confirms Stockport Homes are still providing an 'Excellent three star service which has excellent prospects for improvement.' This is the highest possible rating that can be achieved. Stockport Homes are one of only a handful of Housing Organisations in the country to achieve a three star rating on consecutive inspections.

Mark Hudson, Director of Technical Services at Stockport Homes Ltd commented:

"Procure Plus were instrumental in our performance, both in terms of significant cost savings and truly inspirational regeneration work. They also supported us during the auditing process, helping us to provide real evidence of value for money for our customers and a strong emphasis on community-based benefits."

Procure Plus is the largest social housing procurement organisation in the UK and follows a recent merger between GM Procure and Impact Manchester.

The new company name and logo were decided collaboratively by the Project Board, which is made up of representatives from all key stakeholders, namely: Northwards Housing, City South, Harvest Housing Group, Home Group, Southway Housing, Stockport Homes, Parkway Green, Impact Manchester and GM Procure.



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Agreeing the merger with the various parties was a significant step towards meeting the aims of both organisations. The projected combined spend of in excess of £1 billion over four years will be a terrific boost to the local economy.

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