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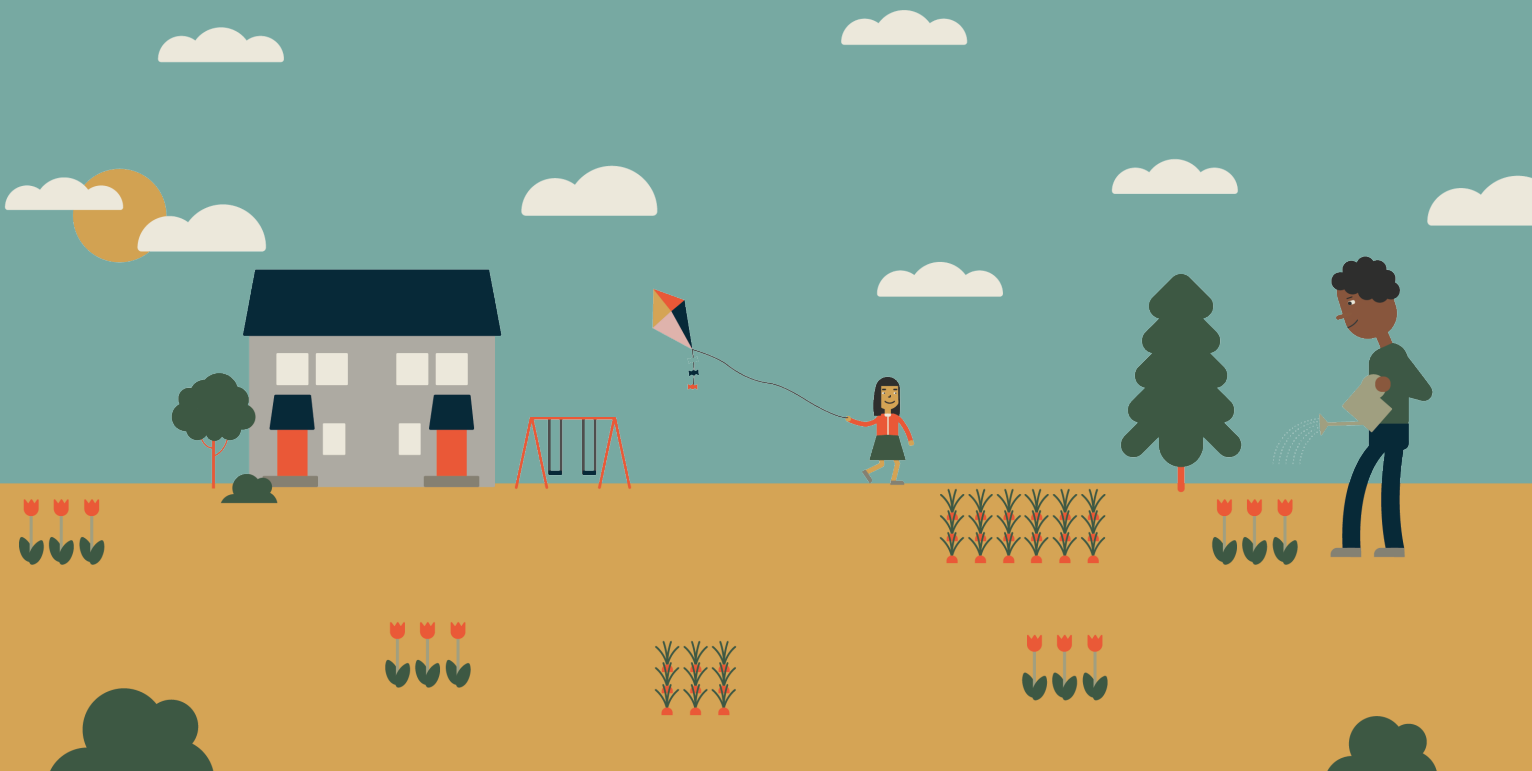
In 2018, Ancho entered into a constitutional partnership with Cairn Housing Association after 94% of tenants voted for the partnership.

Ancho & Cairn are now exploring the possibility of merging into one stronger organisation and your views are vital.

The Board of Ancho has agreed to seek tenants views on what benefits a merger could bring.

Who are Cairn?

Cairn have been serving local communities across Scotland for over 30 years. We are a non-profit making registered charity and housing association (just like Ancho) with over 4,000 homes and local offices in Bellshill, Edinburgh, Inverness and Thurso. In addition to general needs homes, we also have retirement and sheltered courts throughout the country.










What has the partnership delivered so far?

Tenants voted for the partnership based on a number of promises we made:

- ✓ Keeping the local office and local staff
- ✓ Investing £4.5 million in your homes
- ✓ Keeping rent increases lower for five years following the transfer
- ✓ Building new homes
- ✓ Reviewing the relationship after 5 years

These promises have been kept, and additional support has been given to tenants such as help with the cost of living, where we gave out air fryers, food vouchers, fuel vouchers and so much more.

Here is the breakdown of how we spent the £4.5 million in your homes...

	PROMISED	DELIVERED	COMMENTS
 KITCHENS	560	426	Lockdown had a significant part to play in not meeting this target. We also had some tenants refuse a new kitchen where they had already installed their own. We plan to install around 75 kitchens next year, which will take us to 500
 REWIRING	300	300	
 ROOFS	200	143	The shortfall is due to homes covered by a common roof that private owners would not agree to contribute towards
 INSULATION	160	168	
 WINDOWS	100	101	
 DOOR ENTRY	200	1	We share most of our common closes with private owners and they would not agree to contribute towards new door entry systems
 EXTERNAL DOORS	70	75	

Why fully transfer to Cairn now?

Part of the original agreement between Cairn and Ancho was for a review of the partnership to be carried out after five years. This review has now been carried out and the Board at Ancho thinks the best way forward is for Ancho to move to Cairn. This is known as a transfer of engagements.

Over the past few years housing associations have had to deal with increased bureaucracy. Staff are spending twice the amount of time on admin and report writing when their time would be better spent on providing services to you. Substantial savings could be made by bringing both organisations into one bigger organisation.

What are your priorities for the proposed transfer?

We have been gathering tenants views through surveys and in person events and this feedback has helped in shaping the new tenant promise if tenants vote yes to the transfer.

We are giving away two £50 vouchers to those who complete the survey so be sure to fill it out to be in with a chance of winning!

You can complete the survey by scanning the QR code below. To use, simply open the camera on your smartphone and it will automatically open the webpage. Alternatively, go to ancho.co.uk, write to us or give us a call to feedback your ideas.





BUSINESS CASE - MARCH TO JUNE 2023

Business Case is prepared in consultation with tenants



STAGE 1 - JULY/AUGUST 2023

Tenants issued with Stage 1 Notice and invited to make representations



STAGE 2 - SEPTEMBER 2023

Tenant feedback considered by the Board

Tenants issued with Stage 2 Notice with details of any changes and their right to object to the transfer



TENANT BALLOT - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

All Ancho tenants balloted on the transfer

Final consent to proceed with the transfer from the Ancho Board and shareholding members

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