

Three new members appointed to Accord's Board



Accord Housing Association has appointed three new members to its Board. Christina Patterson, Sean Pearce and Stella Layton have joined the Board of the West Midlands based housing association, bringing with them a wealth of experience and expertise.

Christina Patterson is a writer and broadcaster. She writes for a number of national newspapers, including The Sunday Times, about society, culture, politics, books and the arts; she is also a regular commentator on radio and TV news programmes and is a regular guest on the Sky News press preview.

Sean Pearce is the Chief Operating Officer for the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation, Ofqual. With over 25 years' experience of working with and in the public sector, Sean is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Council and was until recently a CIPFA Council member and their Chair of the Standards and Financial Reporting Board.

Stella Layton has a strong track record in commercial business, having been CEO/MD of several multi million pound global businesses, as well as holding the role of Assay Master (one of only 13 since 1773 and first female Assay Master) for the Birmingham Assay Office. As well as being an experienced Non-Executive Director and Chair, Stella holds an Honorary Doctorate of Science for achievements in international business and now runs her own consultancy company.

Dr Chris Handy, Chief Executive of Accord, said: "We are delighted to welcome Christina, Sean and Stella to the Accord Board. Our Board Members play a critical role in overseeing the delivery of Accord's key objectives, leading our strategic direction and protecting the values and ethos of this organisation. We are fortunate that we have an incredibly dedicated, highly skilled Board here at Accord, who together bring a huge breadth of experience and governance expertise to our organisation."

These three new Board appointments have been made during the last quarter of 2019, as previous members have

stood down from Accordâs Board when their terms of office have come to an end.
