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## **Angus Kennedy appointed as new BSHF chair**

Angus Kennedy, one of the UK's most influential regeneration professionals, has been elected as the new chair of Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) following an open recruitment process.

**Angus Kennedy said:** "BSHF is a truly unique organisation with an important mission and an exciting future. I look forward helping it develop its strategy and fulfil its potential."

**David Ireland, Director of BSHF, said:** "Angus was the stand out candidate and is a fantastic appointment for BSHF. I am delighted that he has volunteered for this role and am looking forward to working with him. His skills in chairing boards, combined with vast experience and expertise in housing and regeneration make him ideally positioned to lead BSHF's board to an exciting future. I would also like to thank our outgoing chair John Strange who served us so well, for his expertise, commitment and support."

In 2016 BSHF celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> year since it was established. Find out more about the organisation online at [www.bshf.org](http://www.bshf.org)

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**About BSHF:** Founded in 1976 Building and Social Housing Foundation is a catalyst for change it identifies great ideas and the best housing practice from around the world and seeks to transfer those ideas and practices to places where they are needed most. It runs the World Habitat Awards and programmes to promote community led housing and end street homelessness.

**Angus Kennedy:** Dr Angus Kennedy OBE is best known for his award winning work on a £320m regeneration programme that transformed one of the most deprived parts of Birmingham where he was Chief Executive of Castle Vale Housing Action Trust (HAT) in Birmingham UK. Angus was awarded the OBE in 2004 for Services to Social housing in Birmingham, and awarded the Honorary Doctorate Birmingham University in 2005 for his work in the regeneration of Castle Vale and his wider contribution to the City of Birmingham and the West Midlands. He is currently chair of the Housing Association Cross Keys Homes