

LESS THAN A YEAR-OLD - CROSS KEYS HOMES IS RUNNER UP FOR TOP NATIONAL HOUSING AWARD

PETERBOROUGH'S largest housing association achieved national recognition when it was shortlisted for the prestigious iNbiz awards earlier this summer.

At a prize-giving dinner held this month the charitable organisation was announced as a runner-up for the Partner of Choice award for its work with Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT).

The award category was for a partner organisation which could show long-term commitment to partnerships, innovation and could demonstrate results.

Judges were impressed by the way in which Cross Keys Homes has developed and continued its partnership with PECT in such a short amount of time.

Mick Leggett chief executive of Cross Keys Homes said: "We were delighted to have been chosen as a runner-up after only ten months in business. This result shows that we are delivering our promises and are dedicated to making a difference while promoting environmentally friendly products for a better and greener city."

PECT is an independent charitable trust set up to respond to the challenge following Peterborough's designation in 1992 as one of four UK Environment Cities.

PECT chief executive Sarah Fowler said: "PECT is proud to be part of this partnership delivering a real contribution to communities and the environment. Once again, Peterborough is leading the way on environmental initiatives".

Cross Keys Homes partners PECT on a number of initiatives, the most successful of which is the 'energy services scheme' entitled Cross Keys Homes' Energy Service Scheme (CKHESS).

The scheme offers tenants a range of benefits including access to a variety of domestic appliances and a free home energy survey via The Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre. For further information visit: www.angliaenergyservice.co.uk or call freephone: 0800 783 4761

Notes to editor:

- CKHESS is a scheme which offers a range of energy services designed to help reduce gas and electricity bills for Cross Keys Homes' tenants while raising money for environmental causes. Every tenant who switches to CKHESS energy provider results in a donation to Cross Keys Homes to invest towards various environmental initiatives such as solar and wind powered energy. The service is already offered to new tenants and is now being rolled out to existing tenants and leaseholders.
- Over the last 10 months CKHESS has raised nearly £25,000 from tenants switching energy providers.