

NEW GBP32 MILLION LOAN UNDER THE AFFORDABLE HOMES GUARANTEE SCHEME

New loan made to Futures Housing Group to support the development of new affordable homes and the improvement of existing homes

United Kingdom, 27th **August 2025** – Venn, part of ESR Group and a leading investment manager with a strong focus on European residential real estate, is pleased to announce the funding of a new loan facility totalling GBP32 million under the Affordable Homes Guarantee Scheme ("AHGS", "the Scheme"), which Venn manages on behalf of the UK Government.

The loan was funded by way of retained sale under the Scheme's existing 2036 bond series. The sale of the bonds, which are guaranteed by the UK Government, achieved an all-in rate of under 5.20%.

The facility is provided to Futures Housing Group ("Futures") which owns and manages around 10,700 homes across the East Midlands. The loan will be used to support the development of over 100 new affordable homes and will also contribute to investment in Futures' existing homes.

Loans under the Scheme are funded by a bond issuance programme which is backed by a guarantee from the UK Government, presenting a cost-effective source of short, medium and long-term borrowing for the social housing sector as the lower pricing is passed on to borrowers.

For further information on the Scheme and how to apply, borrowers should contact AHGS@Venn-Partners.com

Alex Todd, Director at Venn, commented: "We're pleased to have worked with the Futures team on this loan which provides funding to support new affordable development in the East Midlands area as well as further investment in Futures' existing housing stock. The new funding helps Futures to extend their debt maturity profile at a cost-effective all-in rate."

Ian Skipp, Group Director of Finance and Growth at Futures, commented: "Securing this loan represents value for money in the current economic climate. It strengthens our financial resilience, enables us to continue investing in homes while supporting the delivery of new homes."

Further information:

- o Affordable Homes Guarantee Scheme 2020 GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Scheme FAQs
- £3 billion affordable housing boost to deliver 20,000 new homes GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) –
 MHCLG Press Release

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