

## Appendix 1

### Description of the group

Adactus Housing Group Ltd (Adactus), which includes Family Housing Association (Manchester) Ltd (Family) and County Palatine Ltd, (County Palatine), was registered in September 2002. A transfer of engagements from County Palatine to Family is underway.

The group currently comprises:

- Adactus, the non asset holding parent body, which provides corporate financial, development, housing management and administrative services to the group;
- Family, established in the 1960's. which manages 3,700 homes, mainly in Manchester but with a small number of homes in Cheshire. The majority of stock is general needs but it also has a small supported housing portfolio of almost 300 units. It works in some of the more deprived areas of Manchester which encounter very low demand, high concentrations of black and minority ethnic (BME) population and serious antisocial behaviour issues.
- County Palatine, established in the 1960's, which manages 1,800 homes mainly in Wigan, Chorley, Preston, Lancaster and Southport. Its stock is also mostly general needs with a small supported housing portfolio of almost 300 units. County Palatine works in areas of reasonable demand with only a few pockets of difficult to let stock.
- Beech Housing Association, which manages 600 shared ownership and leasehold schemes for the elderly;
- Acuna Ltd, an income generating, unregistered subsidiary of County Palatine, which manages a variety of commercial activities including shops, a gym and caretaking services for student accommodation.
- Palatine Contracts, a non charitable unregistered subsidiary which acts as a subcontractor managing development activity.

In addition to its work in two Housing Market Renewal areas, Adactus is heavily involved in regeneration through schemes such as the provision of an outreach service to the over 50's for Jobcentre Plus, equality intergenerational training in Wigan, and a neighbourhood wardens service in East Manchester. The group has also led on the formation of BReathe+, a consortium set up in late 2003 to lead regeneration works in support of Housing Market Renewal Fund work in the Klondyke area of Bootle, Sefton.

The group's vision is:

- "To serve the people and communities with whom we work using innovation and dedication to ensure that their neighbourhoods are places where people are happy to live.
- To offer staff we employ the opportunity to utilize their abilities, expand their experience and reward their commitment.
- To always deliver on promises made to partners."