



Statement regarding Valleys to Coast and Connaught Partnerships

We have been aware of Connaught's difficulties for some time and so have developed contingency plans should they go into administration.

We currently have two contracts with Connaught Partnerships: our internal improvement programme, and an external repair and insulation programme in Oakwood.

We have assessed the works in progress, and in respect of the internal improvement programme Connaught are currently working on 26 V2C properties, many of which are nearing completion and so any impact on our tenants will be minimal. If necessary, we can also call upon our internal Housing Repair Service along with other contractors we are currently using to complete any properties.

In Oakwood we have currently 22 properties being worked on, 15 of which are nearing completion.

In carrying out our assessment, we have ensured that vulnerable tenants are prioritised, and have communicated with tenants who are currently having improvement works undertaken, along with those scheduled to have improvement works carried out in the near future. Connaught are continuing to undertake improvement works within these two contracts. In the meantime, we continue to constantly monitor and assess the situation."