

Executive Management Team

Chief Executive

Stephen Cook – BA (Hons), FCIH, DMS.



Stephen joined V2C as Chief Executive in November 2008. Previously he had been Managing Director of Fosseway Living, a stock transfer housing association based in the Cotswolds.

Stephen's housing career started in the early 1980s in local government working in Bristol, Sussex, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire before joining Fosseway in 1997.

A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Housing, Stephen was an elected member of the CIH's national council between 2004 – 2010. Stephen also has a BA (Hons) degree in German and a post graduate Diploma in Management Studies.

Finance Director (Company Secretary)

Alun Rawlins – FCA, BSc (Hons).



Alun has been V2C's Finance Director since June 2003, and joined prior to the transfer of the housing stock from BCBC. He was previously Deputy Chief Executive and Finance Director for 12 years at the Cadarn Group based in Barry, South Wales. Before joining Cadarn he worked for two major accountancy practices in Cardiff and London.

Alun is also the vice-chair of Community Housing Cymru's Financial Services Forum and has previously represented the Welsh Registered Social Landlords on the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by RSLs. (SORP), working party.

He was admitted as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in 1991, ten years after originally qualifying as a Chartered Accountant.

Head of Neighbourhoods

Nigel Draper



Nigel was appointed to his current role in 2007. His interest in social housing began in the early 1980s when he was one of the founder members of Cardiff Housing Co-operative.

Prior to joining V2C he worked for more than 10 years as an enterprise development and regeneration consultant in the former Soviet Union.

Nigel is Chair of Moneyline Cymru, an affordable finance initiative led by the social housing sector in Wales. In 2009 he was appointed to the Welsh Assembly Government Ministerial Advisory Panel on Social Enterprise.

Head of IT

Nick Meyrick



Nick joined V2C prior to transfer in June 2003. He has worked in IT since 1986 in both local government and the private sector. He has held a number of team leadership roles both in the UK and on a global basis while working for a multi national chemical manufacturer.

Nick gained a degree in IT in 1990, is a Chartered Engineer and a full member of the British Computer Society.

Head of Corporate Services

Claire Murphy



Claire was appointed to her current role in October 2009. She joined V2C as Senior HR & Admin Officer in October 2003, just after transfer.

Claire has over 10 years experience in HR and prior to joining V2C worked for an international company of chartered surveyors based in Cardiff.

Claire is currently working towards her full CIPD qualification and is a member of the British Psychological Society with qualifications in occupational testing.

Head of Assets & Procurement

Andrew Smith – BSc (Hons), MCIH.



Andrew joined V2C in October 2007 having previously been Head of Housing Strategy in both Rhondda Cynon Taff and Cardiff County Councils.

Andrew trained as a commercial property manager before moving to one of the first stock transfer housing associations in England in 1990.

He has experience of developing new homes for rent and low cost home-ownership for housing associations in both England and Wales, and is a Corporate Member of the Chartered Institute of Housing.

Head of Finance

David Stoneman – CIMA



David joined V2C in September 2003 and was previously Finance and Business Manager for five years at Linc-Cymru Housing Association based in Cardiff.

Before joining Linc-Cymru he worked in the finance departments of various organisations, in both the public and private sectors, including the Royal Mint, a large hospital and several manufacturing companies.

David qualified as an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in 1988.

Head of Property Services

Rob Thomas – BSc (Hons), MBA.



Rob was appointed to his current role in September 2003, following the stock transfer from Bridgend County Borough Council, where he previously worked as General Manager of the Maintenance Unit.

He has over 10 years experience of working in the social housing sector in South Wales.

A science graduate, Rob initially worked in geo-technical engineering for a national consultancy firm before gaining his MBA and broadening his experience with posts in business management, development and advice.