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Launch of Advantage South West Procurement Consortium will provide even better value for our customers

North Devon Homes are pleased to announce that the Advantage South West (ASW) Procurement Consortium was launched on the 13th February. This consortium builds on the existing ASW and Partnership South West (PSW) alliances and has been set up with the help of a grant from the Department for Community & Local Government's National Change Agent programme.



The consortium consists of 10 housing associations including North Devon Homes and they are in final discussions with an eleventh association. The consortium has already been quoted as an example of best practice by both the Housing Corporation and the Audit Commission.

Martyn Gimber, Chief Executive of North Devon Homes said “collaborative procurement has brought benefits in other parts of the country. By putting our purchasing volumes together across the South West we’ll be able to buy more for less, providing better value and improved quality to our customers in North Devon”

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Notes to Editor:

- Picture attached shows members of the consortium at the launch.
- The consortium consists of North Devon Homes, Coastline Housing, Devon & Cornwall Housing, Ocean Housing Group, Penwith Housing Association, Riviera Housing Trust, South Somerset Homes, Teign Housing, Tor Homes, Westcountry Housing Association.