

# **Stafford and Rural Homes builds strong financial foundations in partnership with Consilium Technologies**

**~ TotalFinance system provides user-friendly interface for all housing association staff ~**

Staff at Stafford and Rural Homes now have access to an online financial management system supplied by Consilium Technologies.

Consilium's TotalFinance solution will manage all corporate financial information for the newly-formed housing association, which has taken over the management of 5600 properties from Stafford Borough Council. As the main aim of TotalFinance is to provide ease of use to non-financial users, each employee only has access to the information they need for their daily duties. This is achieved via TotalView, Consilium's unique user environment.

Consilium was chosen for this project following a competitive process against all of the other suppliers to the housing market. The company's expertise in delivering IT services to local government and housing association customers and the quality of its solution, combined with its ability to implement the system within four months, were instrumental in clinching this business. Consilium's TotalFinance solution also proved to offer excellent value for money.

"The transfer of housing stock from local authorities to housing associations across the market means that organisations are looking to have their own IT systems very quickly," said Ronnie Geddis, director of sales and marketing at Consilium Technologies. "It's crucial that housing associations make sure that these back-office systems are as user-friendly and functional as possible."

“Our brief to Consilium was to deliver a corporate financial system that was user friendly, for both finance and non-financial staff, and TotalFinance fulfils this specification perfectly,” said Trish Vernon, Stafford and Rural Homes. “Users have instant access to what they need, wherever they are. The TotalView user environment has also provided a valuable source of information on internal procedures such as petty cash and HR processes online which frees up time for our financial team. The implementation project was extremely successful with every milestone achieved and the live date met and delivered within budget”.