

Directions of the Regulator of Social Housing about notification of restructures, constitutional changes and changes in control

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1. Overview

- 1.1 Private Registered Providers of social housing (PRPs) are required by law to notify the Regulator of Social Housing (the regulator) when they restructure, make changes to their constitution and following certain changes in control. These notification requirements are set out in sections 160 165 and 169A CD of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (the 2008 Act) and in the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (Notification Requirements: Social Housing) Regulations 2023 (the CIO SI).
- 1.2 In summary, these notification requirements apply in respect of:
 - Voluntary arrangements of LLPs, companies and CIOs (under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986)
 - Arrangements and reconstructions of companies and LLPs (under the Companies Act 2006)
 - Amalgamations involving registered societies and amalgamations of CIOs
 - Registered society transfers of engagements and CIO transfers of undertaking
 - Registered society and company conversions, and conversions into CIOs
 - Registered society dissolutions
 - Changes by companies, registered societies and charities to their governing documents
 - Changes, by any form of PRP, to its name and address, subsidiary status and certain changes to its board membership
- 1.3 Section 169D of the 2008 Act and Regulation 2 of the CIO SI provide the regulator with the power to direct PRPs about the period and/or content of such notifications; and a power to direct that the requirement for notification is dispensed with.
- 1.4 The tables below contain those directions including the circumstances in which any requirement for notification under the 2008 Act or CIO SI is dispensed with so that PRPs do not have to notify the regulator.
- 1.5 In order to fulfill regulatory expectations, PRPs may have to submit information other than that set out in these directions. The regulator has published 'Guidance For Private Registered Providers on Notifications and Successor Body Registrations' to assist providers, as well as forms on which to submit information to the regulator. These are available from the regulator's pages of the .GOV.UK website.
- 1.6 The regulator can issue directions generally, or specifically in relation to particular PRP(s) or in relation to particular kinds of notification requirement. It can give further directions in different terms to these directions to particular PRP(s). A direction dispensing with a notification requirement may include conditions.

- 1.7 The regulator will make arrangements for bringing these directions to the attention of every PRP to which it applies.
- 1.8 This document has effect and replaces any previous direction issued by the regulator under section 169D of the 2008 Act from 1 April 2024.

2. Directions for PRPs that are registered companies

Table A: The regulator's direction in relation to registered companies: Arrangements and reconstructions (Section 160 of the 2008 Act)

Content		Timing
In relation to a voluntary arrangement under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (section 160(2) of the 2008 Act):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission, where applicable A copy of the voluntary arrangement under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 which has been approved. 	Notification must be given by the next working day after the date of the order or the date on which the decision to approve the voluntary arrangement takes effect (as applicable)
In relation to a court order to sanction a compromise or arrangement under section 899 of the Companies Act 2006 (section 160(3) of the 2008 Act):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable A copy of the court's order under section 899 of the Companies Act 2006 (court sanction for compromise or arrangement). 	
In relation to a court order to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation under section 900 of the Companies Act 2006 (section 160(5) of the 2008 Act):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable A copy of the court's order under section 900 of the Companies Act 2006 (powers of court to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation). 	

Content		Timing
In relation to a court order to sanction a compromise or arrangement under section 901F of the Companies Act 2006 (section 160(7) of the 2008 Act)	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable A copy of the court's order under section 901F of the Companies Act 2006 (court sanction for compromise or arrangement). 	
In relation to a court order to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation under section 901J of the Companies Act 2006 (section 160(9) of the 2008 Act)	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission, where applicable A copy of the court's order under section 901J of the Companies Act 2006 (powers of court to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation). 	

Table B: The regulator's direction in relation to registered companies: Conversion into registered society (Section 161 of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable A copy of the resolution to convert as required by section 115 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 which has been passed by the PRP An indication of when the conversion is expected to take effect. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the resolution to convert being passed by the PRP

Table C: The regulator's direction in relation to charitable companies and community interest companies: Conversion into a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) (Regulation 4 of the CIO SI)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with Companies House registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the resolution to convert being passed by the PRP
 A copy of the relevant resolution to convert (as defined in Regulation 4(4) of the CIO SI) which has been passed by the PRP 	
3. An indication of when the CIO is expected to be registered by the Charity Commission.	

Table D: The regulator's direction in relation to registered companies: Change of articles (Section 169C(a) of the 2008 act)

Notifications are required of the following: i. amendments to the articles of association which affect the company's charitable status ii. amendments to the articles of association which could affect the company's designation (pursuant to s115 of the 2008 Act).	
Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with Companies House registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable Indicate which of the change(s) to articles the notification relates to (i.e. at i and ii above) A copy of the articles in which the relevant changes are identified Where the change needs to be registered with Companies House or approved by the Charity Commission in order to take effect, evidence that it has been so registered/approved. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect
Dispensation: Notification is not required about changes of articles other than those set out in i and i	i above.

Table E: The regulator's direction in relation to registered companies: Change to name or registered office (Section 169C(b) of the 2008 Act) or to charity registration number, or contact address (Section 169B(1)(d),(e) of the 2008 Act)

Content		Timing
In relation to a change to name (s169C(b)):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. current name in the register of providers of social housing b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable The PRP's new name Evidence that the change has been registered with Companies House. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect
In relation to a change to registered office (s169C(b)):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable The PRP's new registered office Evidence that the change has been registered with Companies House. 	

Content		Timing
In relation to a change to a charitable company's registration number with the Charity Commission or contact address which appears on the register of charities (s169B(1)(d)&(e)):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name on the register of providers of social housing b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with the Charity Commission (immediately prior to any change) Indicate which of the change(s) the notification relates to ie: i. the registration number with the Charity Commission ii. the registration number with the Charity Commission ii. the contact address for the charity which appears on the register of charities Provide the new entry now appearing on the register of charities, ie new a. number, or b. contact address Where the change is to the charity's registration number with the Charity Commission, an explanation of why that change was made. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect

Table F: The regulator's direction in relation to registered companies: Receipt of transfer of engagements from registered society (which is not a PRP) (Section 161A of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with Companies House registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable. The name and Financial Conduct Authority registration number of the registered society that has passed the resolution in accordance with section 112(1)(c) of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 transferring its engagements to the PRP An indication of when the transfer is expected to take effect. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the resolution to transfer engagements being passed by the registered society

Table G: The regulator's direction in relation to registered companies: Change in directors (Section 169CC of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with Companies House registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable Indicate which of the following effect(s) the change in directors has resulted in: The number of directors has increased by more than 50% since the beginning of the relevant period (as defined in s169CC(4) of the 2008 Act); The number of directors has decreased by more than 50% since the beginning of the relevant period; and/or More than 50% of the directors are persons who were not directors at the beginning of the relevant period Explain why it is considered that the change in directors has resulted in that effect. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change triggering the notification requirement

 Table H: The regulator's direction in relation to registered companies: Change in subsidiary status (Section 169CD of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable Where a PRP becomes a subsidiary of another person, the following information about that person: 	
 a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing where applicable c. registration number with Companies House where applicable d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable e. registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority where applicable 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect
 An explanation, together with supporting evidence, of the action(s) that either: a. Caused the PRP to become a subsidiary of another person, or b. Caused the PRP to cease to be a subsidiary of another person 	

3. Directions for PRPs that are registered societies

Table I: The regulator's direction in relation to registered societies: Restructuring (Section 163 of the 2008 Act)

Content	Гiming	
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority The identity of the other entities involved in the restructuring: name registration number in the register of providers of social housing where applicable registration number with Companies House where applicable registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority where applicable 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the resolution to restructure being passed by the PRP	
Dispensation : Where more than one PRP is involved in the restructure (e.g. an amalgamation of 2 or more PRPs), notification is not required from all PRPs if the lead PRP provides the required information in respect of all involved PRPs when making its notification.		

Table J: The regulator's direction in relation to registered societies: Receipt of transfer of engagements from another registered society (which is not a PRP) (Section 163B of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority The name and registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority of the registered society that has passed the resolution in accordance with section 110 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 transferring its engagements to the PRP An indication of when the transfer is expected to take effect. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the resolution to transfer engagements being passed by the registered society.

Table K: The regulator's direction in relation to registered societies: Dissolution (Section 165 of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority A copy of the instrument of dissolution approved by the PRP in accordance with section 119(3) of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. 	Notification must be given by the next working day after the date on which the instrument of dissolution is approved in accordance with section 119(3) of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Table L: The regulator's direction in relation to registered societies: Change of rules (Section 169A of the 2008 Act):

Content The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority 	Timing
a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing	
 Indicate which of the change(s) to rules the notification relates to (i.e. at i and ii above) A copy of the rules in which the relevant changes are identified. Evidence that the changes have been registered by the Financial Conduct Authority. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect

 Table M: The regulator's direction in relation to registered societies: Change to name or registered office (Section 169A of the 2008 Act)

Content		Timing
In relation to a change to name:	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. current name in the register of providers of social housing b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority The PRP's new name Evidence that the change has been registered by the Financial Conduct Authority. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect
In relation to a change to registered office:	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority The PRP's new office address Evidence that the change has been registered by the Financial Conduct Authority. 	

 Table N: The regulator's direction in relation to registered societies: Change in members of its committee (Section 169CC of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority 	
 Indicate which of the following effect(s), the change in committee members has resulted in: The number of committee members has increased by more than 50% since the beginning of the relevant period (as defined in s169CC(4) of the 2008 Act); The number of committee members has decreased by more than 50% since the beginning of the relevant period; More than 50% of the committee members are persons who were not committee members at the beginning of the relevant period Explain why it is considered that the change in committee members has resulted in that effect. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change triggering the notification

Table O: The regulator's direction in relation to registered societies: Change in subsidiary status (Section 169CD of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority 	
 2. Where the outcome of the change is that the PRP becomes a subsidiary of another person, the following information about that person: a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing where applicable c. registration number with Companies House where applicable d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable e. registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority where applicable 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect
 An explanation, together with supporting evidence, of the action that either: a. Caused the PRP to become a subsidiary of another person, or b. Caused the PRP to cease to be a subsidiary of another person 	

4. Directions for PRPs that are registered charities (including CIOs but excluding charitable companies)

Table P: The regulator's direction in relation to registered charities: Change to trusts etc. (section 169b of the 2008 act)

	 Notifications are required for the following: i. amendments to the trusts (or purposes, where not within trusts) which affect the charity's charita status ii. amendments to the trusts (or purposes, where not within the trusts) which could affect the charity's designation (pursuant to s115 of the 2008 Act) 	
	Content	Timing
In relation to a change in trusts or purposes (s169B(1)(a) & (b)):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with the Charity Commission Indicate which of the change(s) to trusts (or purposes where not within the trusts) the notification relates to (i.e. of those set out at i and ii above) A copy of the trusts or purposes in which the relevant changes are identified Where the change needs to be approved by or registered with the Charity Commission in order to take effect, evidence that the changes have been so approved/registered. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect

	Content	Timing
 b. registration number in the register of provide c. registration number with the Charity Commission any change) 6. Indicate which of the change(s) the notification relation to a change to registered details (169B(1)(c) to (e)): 6. Indicate which of the change(s) the notification relation the registeration number with the Charity Commission (169B(1)(c) to (e)): 7. Provide the new entry now appearing on the registeration and the number, or c. contact address 8. Where the change is to the charity's registration number 	 a. name on the register of providers of social housing b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with the Charity Commission (immediately prior to any change) 6. Indicate which of the change(s) the notification relates to ie: i. the name of the charity entered in the register of charities 	
	iii. the contact address for the charity which appears on the register of	ne register of Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect
	b. number, or	
	8. Where the change is to the charity's registration number with the Charity Commission, an explanation of why that change was made.	

Table Q: The regulator's direction in relation to registered charities: Change in trustees (Section 169CC of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Charity Commission 	
 Indicate which of the following effect(s), the change in trustees has resulted in: The number of trustees has increased by more than 50% since the beginning of the relevant period (as defined in s169CC(4)); The number of trustees has decreased by more than 50% since the beginning of the relevant period; More than 50% of the trustees are persons who were not trustees at the beginning of the relevant period. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change triggering the notification
3. Explain why it is considered that the change in trustees has resulted in that effect	

Table R: The regulator's direction in relation to registered charities: Change in subsidiary status (Section 169CD of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with Charity Commission 	
 2. Where the outcome of the change is that the PRP becomes a subsidiary of another person, the following information about that person: a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing where applicable c. registration number with Companies House where applicable d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable e. registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority where applicable 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect
 An explanation, together with supporting evidence, of the action that either: a. Caused the PRP to become a subsidiary of another person, or b. Caused the PRP to cease to be a subsidiary of another person 	

Table S: The regulator's direction in relation to charitable incorporated organisations: Amalgamation (Regulation 5 of the CIO SI)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Charity Commission 	
 2. In relation to each of the entities involved in an amalgamation, other than the PRP making the notification: a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing where applicable c. registration number with the Charity Commission 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the resolution to amalgamate being passed by the PRP
3. Where there will be more than one PRP involved in the amalgamation, identification of a lead organisation (which must be a PRP) to whom the regulator can address queries	
4. A copy of the resolution to amalgamate passed by the PRP under s235(4) of the Charities Act 2011	
5. An indication of when the amalgamation is expected to take effect.	

Table T: The regulator's direction in relation to charitable incorporated organisations: Transfer of undertaking (Regulation 6 of the CIO SI)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with the Charity Commission 	
 2. In relation to the CIO receiving the property, rights and liabilities: a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing where applicable c. registration number with the Charity Commission 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the resolution to transfer being passed by the PRP
3. A copy of the resolution to transfer its undertaking passed by the PRP under s240(3) of the Charities Act 2011	
4. An indication of when the transfer is expected to take effect.	

Table U: The regulator's direction in relation to charitable incorporated organisations: Receipt of undertaking from another CIO (that is not a PRP) (Regulation 7 of the CIO SI)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the
 The name and registration number with the Charity Commission of the CIO that has passed the resolution in accordance with section 240(3) of the Charities Act 2011 transferring its undertaking to the PRP 	resolution to transfer being
3. An indication of when the transfer is expected to take effect.	

Table V: The regulator's direction in relation to charitable incorporated organisations: Voluntary arrangements (Regulation 8 of the CIO SI)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. name registration number in the register of providers of social housing registration number with the Charity Commission A copy of the voluntary arrangement under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 together with a copy of the Compulsory Voluntary Arrangement proposal agreed by creditors, and a copy of the statement of affairs. 	Notification must be given by the next working day after the date on which the decision to approve the voluntary arrangement takes effect

5. Directions for PRPs that are limited liability partnerships

Table W: The regulator's direction in relation to limited liability partnerships: Arrangements and reconstructions (Section 160 of the 2008 Act)

Content		Timing
In relation to a voluntary arrangement under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (section 160(2) of the 2008 Act):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House A copy of the voluntary arrangement under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 together with a copy of the Compulsory Voluntary Arrangement proposal agreed by creditors, and a copy of the statement of affairs. 	
In relation to a court order to sanction a compromise or arrangement under section 899 of the Companies Act 2006 (section 160(3) of the 2008 Act):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House A copy of the court's order under section 899 of the Companies Act 2006 (court sanction for compromise or arrangement). 	Notification must be given by the next working day after the date of the order or the date on which the decision to approve the voluntary arrangement takes effect (as applicable)
In relation to a court order to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation under section 900 of the Companies Act 2006 (section 160(5) of the 2008 Act):	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House A copy of the court's order under section 900 of the Companies Act 2006 (powers of court to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation). 	

Content		Timing
In relation to a court order to sanction a compromise or arrangement under section 901F of the Companies Act 2006	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House 	
(section 160(7) of the 2008 Act):	 A copy of the court's order under section 901F of the Companies Act 2006 (court sanction for compromise or arrangement). 	
In relation to a court order to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation under section 901J of the Companies Act 2006	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House 	
(section 160(9) of the 2008 Act):	 A copy of the court's order under section 901J of the Companies Act 2006 (powers of court to facilitate reconstruction or amalgamation). 	

 Table X: The regulator's direction in relation to limited liability partnerships: Change to name or registered office (Section 169CA of the 2008 Act)

Content		Timing
n relation to a change to name: b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House	 a. current name in the register of providers of social housing b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing 	
	2. The PRP's new name	
	3. Evidence that the change has been registered with Companies House.	Notification must be given
In relation to a change to registered office:	 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House 	within 10 working days of the change taking effect
	2. The PRP's new office address	
	3. Evidence that the change has been registered with Companies House.	

Table Y: The regulator's direction in relation to limited liability partnerships: Change in members (Section 169CC of the 2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House 	
 2. Indicate which of the following effect(s), the change in members has resulted in: The number of members has increased by more than 50% since the beginning of the relevant period (as defined in s169CC(4) of the 2008 Act; The number of members has decreased by more than 50% since the beginning of the relevant period; more than 50% of the members are persons who were not members at the beginning of the relevant period. 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change triggering the notification
3. Explain why it is considered that the change in members has resulted in that effect.	

Table Z: The regulator's direction in relation to limited liability partnerships: Change in subsidiary status (Section 169CD of the2008 Act)

Content	Timing
 The identity of the PRP making the notification, i.e. a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing c. registration number with Companies House 	
 2. Where the outcome of the change is that the PRP becomes a subsidiary of another person, the following information about that person: a. name b. registration number in the register of providers of social housing where applicable c. registration number with Companies House where applicable d. registration number with the Charity Commission where applicable e. registration number with the Financial Conduct Authority where applicable 	Notification must be given within 10 working days of the change taking effect
 An explanation, together with supporting evidence of the action that either Caused the PRP to become a subsidiary of another person Caused the PRP to cease to be a subsidiary of another person 	



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