



## Group Board Member Appointments

### John Lavers – Independent Board Member



John has had a long career in the private sector, specialising in Corporate Treasury and the financing of large projects. Before joining Watford Community Housing he had 17 years' experience as a Board Member of other housing associations. He will continue to contribute to the Group's ability to finance its growth while continuing to improve the quality of its services to its customers.

### Stephen Cavinder – Council Nominated Board Member



Stephen worked at a senior management level for airport group BAA for almost 35 years. He now provides an independent consultancy service to the road transport industry. He has lived in Watford and the surrounding area since 1987. In May 2016, he was elected as a local councillor for the Woodside Ward in Watford and served until 2019. He has spent much of his time helping residents in the ward and has served on a number of council committees including being Chair of the Outsourced Services Scrutiny Panel. Stephen has also represented Watford Borough Council on the Armed Forces Covenant Board and served as a trustee for organisations including Citizens Advice Watford, Hertfordshire Citizens Advice Service and Herts Inclusive Theatre.



### **Chris Cheshire - Group Board Vice-Chair**



Chris is a Chartered Construction Manager with 37 years' experience and he has been involved in the social housing sector for much of that time. Having been a Director of Asset Management for a large provider in London, as well as owning and managing his own businesses for the last 25 years, he has a broad range of public and commercial sector skills. Chris has been an active board member for different organisations for 25 years and currently sits on one other board. He has been a Group Board Member since 2019 and is Chair of Clarendon Living, our commercial subsidiary.