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The Association has just started extensive consultations with our local communities on Constitutional Partnership. The first few meetings have been very productive and have shown that the views and priorities of our local communities are the same as those of the Association. At these meetings, there is the opportunity to ask questions not only to Irvine Housing Association and Riverside officers but also Riverside tenants and community members who have been through this process and can speak from experience.

The Association is proposing a partnership with Riverside as it believes there are a number of benefits. Firstly, it will allow the Association to continually improve the services it offers by providing the Association with more resources and expertise, and helping the Association to work more efficiently. Secondly, it will give the Association greater financial capacity, and access to wider expertise allowing the Association to provide more homes and services in the future. Thirdly, it will protect the Association against some of the risks it is likely to face in the future.

The Association is also about to meet with a group of tenants to appoint an Independent Tenants Advisor, who will help safeguard the interests of our tenants whilst providing a source of information and advice to local communities about the proposed partnership.

The Association would encourage attendance at these and future meetings to ensure views can be heard, discussed and addressed.