

# Case Study

DTP

## Warwickshire Rural Housing Association

### Board Away Day

**Warwickshire Rural Housing Association is a small, rural housing association with almost 600 homes. We were asked to facilitate a board away day.**



#### Objective

The Board wanted to discuss and assess impact and progress in a number of areas, including:

- Operating environment – backward and forward look, how sector is reacting and implications for WRHA
- Risk – assessment of current risks in sector and for WRHA
- Board effectiveness and structures
- Corporate aims and objectives – revisiting ‘purpose’
- Next steps for the organisation

#### What we achieved?

WRHA is unusual in that despite being small, it is an active developer. It also collaborates with other housing organisations to minimise costs. However, like many in the sector, WRHA is facing challenges around how to continue to develop social rented housing in the absence of government grant; the key principles and values that would shape any merger considerations; and determining future strategic direction in the light of ongoing risk and uncertainty.

DTP was able to provide information, analysis and assurance in a number of these areas as part of our role at the away day.

*Both the Board members and staff found the event useful and informative. The approach used was conducive to stimulating debate, and gave focus to the issues the Association will need to address. Key considerations were openly discussed and these will shape the business plan moving forward. All who attended felt the process was worthwhile, engaging, and well facilitated.*

**Craig Felts, Company Secretary**

A different perspective