

## WHAT IS CHIC?

Communities & Housing Investment Consortium Ltd (CHIC) is a member owned, not for profit, asset management and procurement consortium working across the UK. CHIC supports members to place contracts with a wide range of contractors, suppliers, merchants and consultants from our frameworks, via mini-competition or direct award or through our Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS).

CHIC is an asset management consortium that provides compliant procurement solutions; our purpose is to secure efficiencies for members through collaborative, streamlined procurement and managed service delivery. CHIC provides added social value outcomes, both directly, through contractual targets, and through our associated charity, CHIP.

## CHIC MEMBERSHIP

Membership of CHIC is free and available for any public sector body required to procure goods and services that comply with the Public Contract Regulations (PCR 2015). Current membership includes over 200 organisations, primarily housing associations and local authorities but also from the health and education sectors.

## FEES

CHIC's costs are recovered through a small transaction fee, included within the prices agreed for all contracts sourced through CHIC. The fee will be agreed based upon contract value and duration, levels of support required from CHIC and each members wider usage of CHIC's services. Transaction fees are included in contract payments by the CHIC member and claimed by CHIC from the contractor/supplier.

## GOVERNANCE

CHIC is governed by a Board of Directors elected by the members, has an independent Chair, and is managed under an agency agreement with ARK Consultancy Ltd.

## SERVICE DELIVERY

CHIC's management services are provided by a dedicated team under a fixed term and fee agency agreement with ARK Consultancy Limited (ARK). The contract was procured by CHIC through an Open Procedure public procurement process and performance is monitored by CHIC's Board of Directors ([CHIC Service Provider Procurement - Contracts Finder](#) | [CHIC Service Provider Procurement](#) | [Delta \(delta-esourcing.com\)](#)).

## ARK CONSULTANCY LIMITED

ARK is a leading multidisciplinary management and technical consultancy, working across the UK with housing associations, local authorities, Government bodies and the charitable sector. ARK has experts who advise on all business functions but who have particular expertise in asset management, development, governance, organisational change and regeneration.



ARK will recommend the utilisation of CHIC's services when it believes a client will secure efficiencies through the consortium procurement and management support services.

#### WHAT IS CHIP?

Communities and Housing Investment in People (CHIP) is a charity funded by CHIC to work with Local Employment Groups to support people distant from the workplace into employment and to support CHIC's members communities through grants and other social value initiatives.

