# **Chartered Institute of Housing**

Session B3

Repairs and Maintenance

Running a Lean and Customer Focused Maintenance Service







### Introductions

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#### Property Care;

- West Midlands based
- Turnover of £7 million
- 58 employed staff
- SSHA is our biggest client
- o TMO's
- Coal Authority









# **Business Challenges**

- Financial
- Moral & Social
- Competition
- Customer
- Value for Money
- Business growth









### Results

Performance Area	From	То
Key to Key – Voids	37 Days	21 Days
Customer Satisfaction – VG or better	65%	75%
Cost per Property	£181	£219
Productivity – per operative	£90,901	£102,094
Profit	Loss £235k	Profit £131k
Staff Survey – Feedback	37%	64%
Staff Survey – Communication	40%	62%







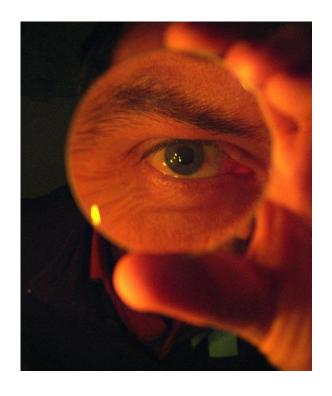
### **Our Vision**

We are going to be the benchmark for our sector; we will be known for our excellent customer services; for our efficiency and performance. We are going to do this by delighting our customers; by our innovation and by offering a broad choice of excellent services at an affordable price.



## The Opportunity of lean

- Whole organisation focus
- Collaborative approach
- Sustainable for the future
- Encourages challenge
- Build internal capacity









## **Initial Activity**

#### Four Areas of the business

- Kitchen Program
  - Communication with customers
- Material Logistics
  - Communication with Partners, Customers and each other
- Development
  - Communication with development partners
- Process IT
  - Communication with systems







### What we learned

- Lots of opportunity
- The culture stifled ideas
- Needed more resource
- Skill deficit
- Leadership deficit









## Ongoing initiatives

- Trained customers to challenge
- Challenged the supply chain
- New process facilitated shared contracts
- Investigated best practice
- Cross functional projects
- Line manager led communication
- Process changes and improvements
- Leadership improvement program







## Leadership Improvement

- Clear accountability
- Clear reporting areas
  - Financial
  - Customer service
  - Productivity
  - Culture
- Transparent performance
- "Lets make it our business"









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Staff Survey – Respect	63%	82%
Staff Survey – Team Working	60%	75%







### What we learned

- People want to be part of the business
- People want their contribution recognised
- Leadership is the job
- Meaningful involvement builds trust
- It makes the job easier
- Everyone sees it as "their business"









# What we would do differently









### Questions







