

ELHA Board Profiles 2025

Iain Atkinson

Iain joined the Management Committee (now ELHA Board) in September 2019. He has worked in professional services consulting for over 18 years, working within both a multinational Nasdaq listed recruitment business at Director level, and privately-owned enterprises.

His expertise spans the Construction & Property market, having worked with stakeholders across both the private and public sectors, delivering strategic and executive level appointments. He has led multiple teams and managed significant budget responsibility as well as leading people through significant change and transformation programmes.

Having grown up in Northern Ireland, Iain studied Business Management with Business Law at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. Married, with 3 young children, Iain currently resides in Haddington and has a keen interest in the local area. Iain also volunteers with Bethany Christian Trust on their Care Van providing essential services to some of Edinburgh's most vulnerable individuals.

Maureen Batten

Maureen joined the ELHA Board in 2024 and is also a member of the Risk and Audit Committee. She worked as Risk Manager in both public and private sector organisations, before becoming an independent Business Risk Consultant specialising in strategic risk planning and management.

Maureen has Masters degrees in Business, from both Edinburgh and Strathclyde Universities and has been a Member of the Institute of Risk Management since 1996. Maureen has also specialised in insurance procurement consultancy, focussing mainly on the social housing sector across the UK.

Peter Ewart

Peter has been on the Management Committee (now ELHA Board) since 2011 and has served as Chair of the Board, and Convenor of the Risk and Audit Committee. Peter is also a Director on the R3 Board.

He is a qualified Chartered Tax Adviser and works for an international infrastructure advisory business dealing with a wide range of clients on estate management and large infrastructure projects. He is knowledgeable in identifying and mitigating commercial, financial and operational risks. Peter is also a Director of a social care training charity.

Alan Forsyth

Alan has been a member of the Management Committee (now ELHA Board) for 10 years. Alan is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors with 47 years' experience in Local Government. In 2002 he assumed responsibility for the overall management of Community Housing for East Lothian Council as Head of Community Housing and Property Management (approximately 8,000 Council houses) together with the operation of the Council's Property Maintenance Service and the Homelessness Team. He introduced the Council's new build housing programme in 2005, and a Performance Pay Scheme for the craft operatives in the Property Maintenance Service.

Alan was Chair of the Council's Antisocial Behaviour Overview Group and the Mid and East Lothian Drugs and Alcohol Partnership. He was responsible for the Council's Community Housing & Property and Property Management Division. Alan is now Chief Executive officer of SCQS, the Society of Construction and Quantity Surveyors a national organisation which represents senior Quantity Surveyors working in Local Government.

Alan is also the Chair of R3 Repairs Limited.

Katrina Hamilton

Katrina joined the Management Committee (now ELHA Board) in September 2021 bringing operational and strategic experience in the housing, support and care sectors.

She has worked in a variety of housing providers across a range of different roles, covering both housing management and corporate responsibilities. She brings significant knowledge and skills relating to customer consultation, marketing and communications, and the provision of housing and support services to older people and people with disabilities.

Her present work gives her an insight to the challenges facing young people in East Lothian.

Paul Hillard

Paul joined the Management Committee (now ELHA Board) in September 2022. Paul is a management consultant specialising in social housing and governance. Prior to this role he had worked in the social housing sector for over 35 years, most recently as Managing Director of Riverside Scotland for 16 years. He also has significant non-executive experience having previously served on the governing bodies of housing, education and third sector organisations, including four years on the Board of the Scottish Chartered Institute of Housing. Paul is a former recipient of the Sunday Times best Companies Best Leader of a Not-for-Profit Organisation Award.

Brian Logan (Chair)

Brian has been a Board member for 30 years and was elected as Chair in 2022. He has previously served as Vice Chair and as Convener of the Finance & Audit Committee.

He is a qualified Chartered Public Finance Accountant and is currently employed as the Chief Executive of Capability Scotland. He has worked for two other Scottish housing associations and was Chief Executive of Bield Housing & Care between 2010 and 2019. He is particularly knowledgeable on the provision of housing, care and support for older people.

He has been a trustee of two other charities - a housing association based near London and a care and support organisation based in the North West of England – and is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee of West College Scotland.

Pamela Macleod

Pamela joined the Board in 2021.

Pamela has over 15 years' experience in property development as a land buyer and development manager working for companies including Kier Group and Clarion Housing Group. She currently works in the Land team for Bellway Homes. Pamela has also volunteered with elderly charities and on residents' associations.

Pamela lives in North Berwick with her husband and children.

Andrew Philip

Andrew is Director of Finance & Resources at Capability Scotland and is a CCAB qualified Accountant with financial management experience across a wide range of sectors.

Andrew lives locally in East Lothian and holds a variety of posts with local community groups and organisations.

Andrew has a strong desire for more affordable houses in East Lothian, particularly those with access for disabled people.



David Rose

David joined the Management Committee (now ELHA Board) in 2010 and also serves on the Health & Safety and the Joint Consultative Committee. In addition, David is the secretary of Care & Repair Charitable Trust.

He has been a member of Longniddry Community Council for 26 years and has been their Chair for 19 years.

David is a committee member on the Association of Community Councils who he represents on the Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland and is also Secretary of Employers in Voluntary Housing (EVH).

Eileen Shand (Vice-Chair)

Eileen joined the Management Committee (now ELHA Board) in 2016 and was elected as Vice Chair in 2022.

A Fellow and former Board member of the Chartered Institute of Housing, Eileen has worked in a range of senior roles with the City of Edinburgh Council, Blackwood Housing Association and as Director of Housing and Care Services with Eildon Housing Association.

Eileen was appointed as a member of the First Tier Tribunal Housing and Property Chamber in 2017.

Eileen lives in East Lothian and never tires of exploring the area, usually walking, and occasionally cycling.