



## H E A T E L E C T R I C

*“The Heat Electric water filled, electric radiators are perfect for housing association properties. Robust, efficient and cost and time effective to install, we are scheduling a planned maintenance programme that will see them put into all properties in our portfolio.”* **Steven McDiarmid, Prospect Community Housing Estates Service Officer**

Prospect Community Housing is one of Scotland’s leading Housing Associations based in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh. Providing and managing just under 900 homes, the association has recently celebrated its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary with a host of improvements – including a heating provision overhaul.

With cost management top of the agenda for the association and its tenants, Estates Service Office Steve McDiarmid and his team have identified “the best heating solution we could have hoped for” when looking to replace the night storage heaters installed in all current properties.

“We hadn’t been happy with our night storage heaters for some time but they have been the mainstay of housing association heating since the 80s and consequently can be found in most electricity based properties,” Steve explains.

“Our existing night storage heaters work off a dual meter system and tenants have no control over the running – they heat up over night and churn the heat out during the day, draining power continuously.

“After looking into the Heat Electric radiators we could see it would be a considerably more economical system, particularly when running from Economy

10. With low cost of installation because they're simply wall mounted and plugged in, there is also no mess or disruption caused. Unlike other electric heaters, the Heat Electric radiators are extremely robust which makes them long lasting and perfect for a Housing Association environment."

He adds: "The bonus for our tenants is that the heat is completely controllable and can be altered according to their needs. We have just completed three pilots in 100 properties and the result is we now install the Heat Electric radiators when and where they are needed with a view to rolling them out and into all of our properties."

Prospect Housing Association has a portfolio of flats and semi detached properties which are based on an electric only supply. With gas central heating not an option due to the time it would take for a feed from the main supply to each property and the cost and disruption of installation, all heating provision must be electrically fed.

Steve concludes: "The Heat Electric radiators offer a long term heating solution for our entire property portfolio which is cost effective to install and easy to maintain and provides a controllable, efficient and affordable heating system for our tenants."

**For more information on Heat Electric radiators, call 01422 231943.**