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Investing in homes and neighbourhoods



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## L&Q Structure & Governance



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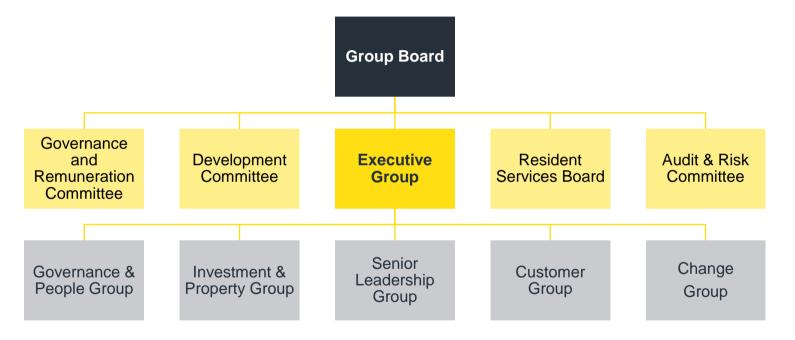
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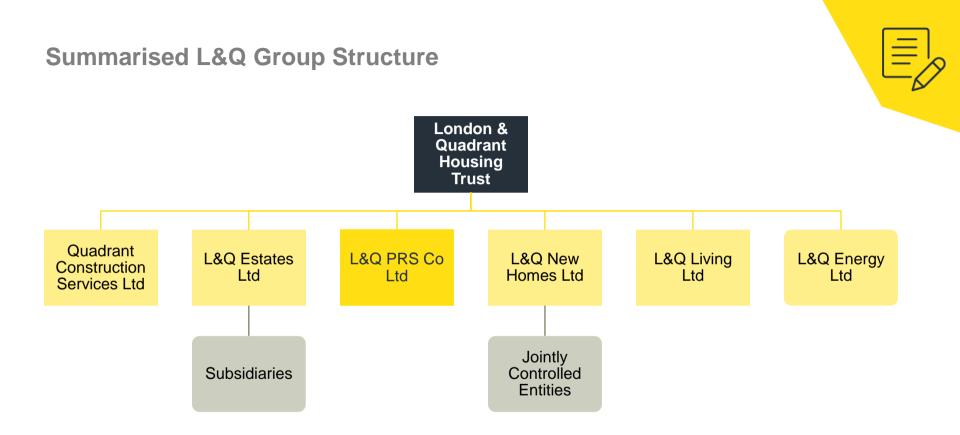


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## **Corporate Governance**





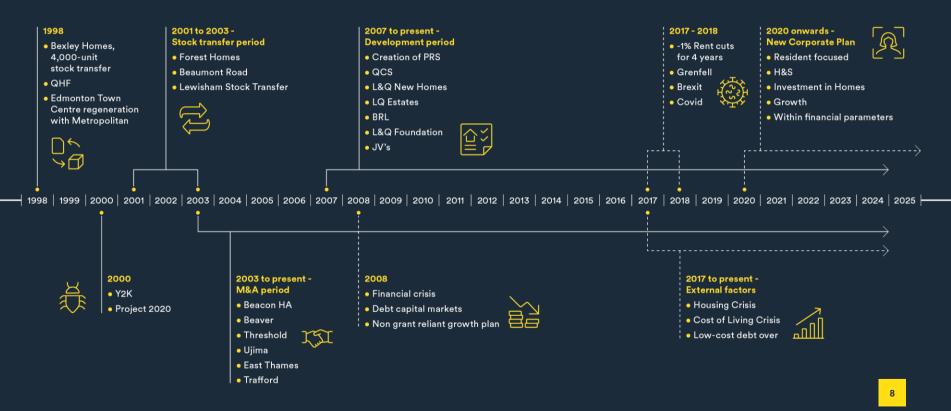


## L&Q Strategy

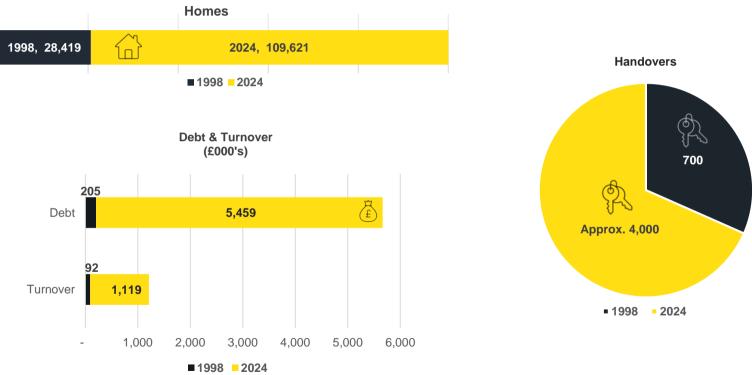


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## Our journey over the last 25 years



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## **Corporate Strategy**





### **Our Vision**

Everybody deserves a quality home that provides them with the opportunity to live a better life



## **Our Purpose**

To provide homes and neighbourhoods everyone can be proud of



### **Our Strategic Vision**

We want to be known for delivering operational excellence in all we do

## Our environmental, social and governance principles

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## Environmental

## Our impact on the environment

We measure our impact on the environment in a number of areas, including:

- Climate action
- Resource efficiency
- Healthy places

## Social

Our residents and the communities they live in

Our social impact focuses on our residents and they communities where they live, including:

- Providing affordable and secure homes
- Community investment
- Supporting our residents

## Governance

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## How L&Q operates

L&Q's governance covers how we operate as a business, housing builder and landlord, including:

- Employee wellbeing
- Representative governance
- How we manage our supply chain

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## **Our Operating Environment**

### Challenges

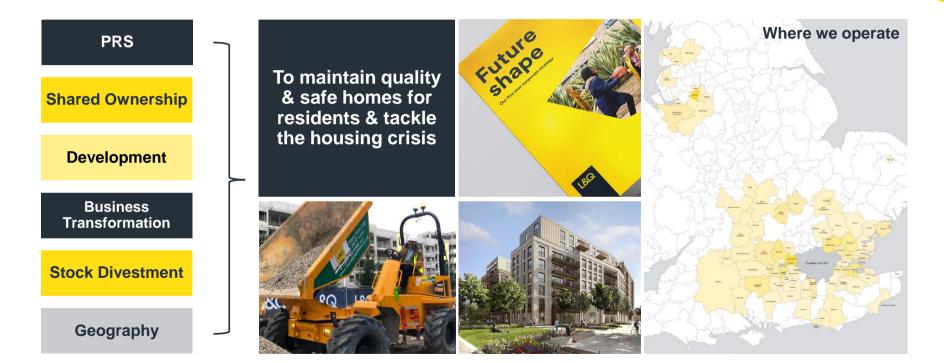
- Macro-economic conditions persistent inflation, higher interest rates and lower mortgage availability
- Need to invest in existing stock building safety, decarbonisation and maintenance of decent homes standard
- Regulatory 7% rent cap, low grant rates and consumer standards.
- Housing ombudsman, damp and mould, Awaab's law.

### Our position to respond

- Gain operating efficiencies and improve customer service via investment in new housing and finance management systems
- Procurement efficiencies via our Major works programme and in house construction team
- Focus on strategic geographical areas
- Optimise capital structure by derisking and deleveraging
- L&Q Foundation supporting residents through cost-of-living crisis, with 'Pound Advice' service.

## **The Future**





## L&Q Investment in Existing Homes



## **Major Works Investment Programme**

- £3bn over 15 years
- 15 year partnership with 10 contractors
- Open book target cost model
- 6 year Asset Investment Plan approved by Board in March 2024
- Spending £140m this year then rising
- Investing £41m in decarbonisation
- Investment based on robust condition data
- Regulatory compliance and asset value
- Resident focus and social value key aims



## **Social Value**

#### Achievements in 23/24

- Partners delivered in excess of £23m social return on investment through the Major Works Investment Programme
- 27 local people accessed employment directly with the partners
- 15 full-time equivalent jobs for disadvantaged people were accessed
- 860 weeks of apprenticeships completed
- £21m spent locally with SME's
- Partners have invested over £44,000 into community organisations and activities including
  - University Scholarships and mentoring for L&Q residents
  - Donations and support for food poverty programmes
  - School holiday provision for children and young people



## Good news stories from the Major Works Investment Programme

Resident thrilled with new wheelchair-friendly kitchen and bathroom



Yogesh lands a role with one of our partners



'Life changing' wet room installed for residents as part of Major Works Investment Programme



London students gain invaluable insight during work experience programme with Major Works Investment Programme partner





Summer football camp run by L&Q and Major Works Investment Programme partner



Romford school gifted laptops to help with children's homework



Harrow Scout Hut undergoes transformation





Mock interviews by Major Works partner sparks confidence for pupils



Major Works partner transforms resident's garden



## **Repairs Change Project**

A cost-effective repairs and maintenance service that responds to the needs of residents

This means...

- Improved diagnostic capability
- Optimised supply chain
- End-to-end repairs processes
- Channelling more work into planned programmes
- Digital workflows that improve tracking and visibility for residents



Major Works Large investment projects targeting multiple homes in the same location (e.g. replacing windows)

**Routine Repairs** Small fixes, mainly carried

out by the Direct Maintenance Team, that take no longer



**Empty Homes** A range of work to individual homes to make sure they're up to standard before being re-let

#### **Cyclical Maintenance** Repeat works, such as external painting, designed to extend the life of an asset (e.g. painting windows)





## **Damp and Mould**

- In 2023/24 we surveyed 5,300 homes, who reported damp and mould
- 98% within 20 days
- Treated / repaired 8,300 homes
- Fitted 17,500 remote sensors in homes
- Actively monitoring and proactively reattended
- Spend £6.5m each year
- Awaab's Law reduce times and increase costs







## **Building Safety**

- Inspected the External Wall Systems of 1,465 of our buildings from the 2,205 in scope
- Inspections to be completed by March 2026 •
- Remediated 47 buildings, which includes all • 32 high-risk ACM
- In progress of remediating a further 62 blocks, • In total we will have remediated 213 blocks
- First two buildings requested for review by the • **Building Safety Regulator**
- Numerous EWS1 and Letters of Comfort issued •







Do not leave a fire door oper and never disconnect a automatic close

Do not leave appliances running then no one is hom





**Smoke Alarms** Test you smoke alarm week

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## **L&Q Development**



## **Our developments**





**Prime Point** 

#### **Barking Riverside**

3,500 homes, Joint Venture, Regeneration

#### 477 homes, Greenwich Peninsula, In-house Build

20,000 homes, JV, Placemaking, In-house Build



#### **Kew Bridge Rise**

**Acton Gardens** 

228 homes, Brentford, Joint Venture



#### **New Union Wharf**

399 homes, Isle of Dogs, Regeneration



#### Lock 19

209 homes, Tower Hamlets, Mixed-use, In-house Build

## **Development & Sales Activities**

- Gross capex and starts on site are reducing, supporting our message of a lower risk profile.
- Impact of provisions and impairments will reduce in-line with pipeline.
- Average sales price increased, and high levels of customer satisfaction.
- Multi-tenure sites and diversified procurement enables a flexible approach to changing market conditions.

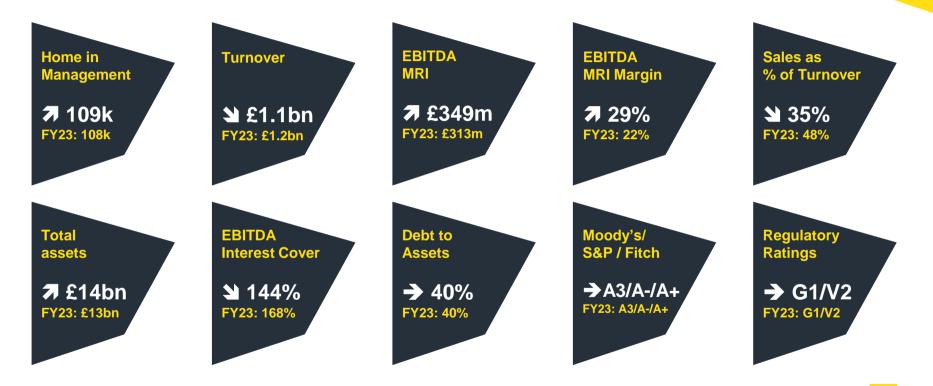


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## L&Q Finance & Treasury



## Finance & Treasury - Key Credit Highlights 2023/4



\* FY24 Source: L&Q Q4 Trading Statement Published on 10th May 2024

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## **Our Financial Performance**

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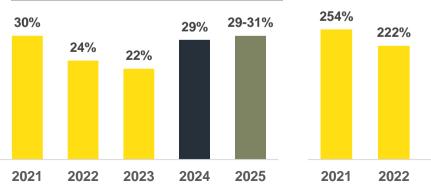
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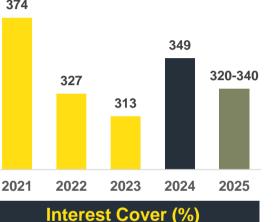
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2024

2025

### EBITDA (£m)



169%

2023

reflecting efficiency and lower sales turnover as % of total turnover.

Revenue growth on non-sales

turnover from sales activities.

activities. With declining proportion of

EBITDA margin strengthening, and

expected to continue to improve,

145-

150%

2025

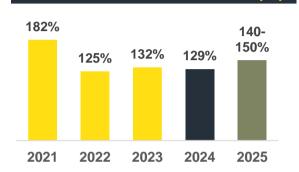
144%

2024

- Pressure on interest cover will remain in medium term, due to higher cost of debt.
- Impact of impairment and provisions for defects will reduce.

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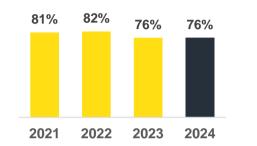
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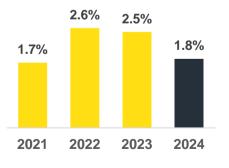


Voids (%)

**EBITDA SHL interest cover (%)** 

#### **Customer Satisfaction (%)**





#### Maintenance Spend (£m) 407 347 345 262 140 100 64 117 181 71 45 57 35 48 173 181 185 146 98 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 Routine Planned Major works capitalised

## • Stable social housing lettings interest cover.

- Void rental loss recovered to pre-pandemic levels, through robust management.
  - Material increase in investment in existing homes reflecting our priority. With higher proportion of planned and major works.
- Consistent high demand for properties.

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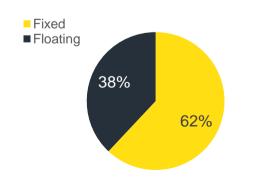
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## **Treasury Summary**



# Debt Maturity Profile (£m) RCF Term Bonds Other 685 649



**Fixed vs Floating** 

- Term facilities due within 6-12 months are in the process of being refinanced.
- Fixed rate target of 60% 70% supports the ability to deleverage at zero cost.
- Available liquidity to fund operations and investments, with available liquidity at c.£1.0bn, 30 months coverage.

### Objectives

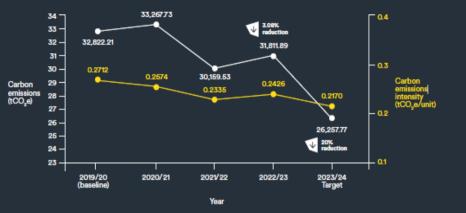
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- Review capital structure to ensure continuing support for corporate strategy.
- Retain 'A' range credit ratings where it is in our control.
- Support our sustainability strategy, publish interim targets and comply with our sustainability finance framework.

#### Reduce Scope 1 & 2 carbon emissions



Our Target: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% in relation to the 2019/20 baseline.





Build more affordable homes Our target: 8,000 new homes built by 31 March 2024. of which 50% will be affordable.

New homes built. 1,188 (49%) of these were affordable.	New homes built. 1,556 (58%) of these were affordable.	New homes built. 2,532 (61%) of these were affordable.	New homes built. 2,892 (71%) of these were affordable.	New homes built. 4,000 (50%) of the to be affordable.
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#### Increase community investment

Our target: £10 million invested in communities driven by identified social need and measurable impact by 31 March 2024





Improve energy efficiency of our existing homes Our target: Average calculated SAP score of 72 or above (corresponds to low EPC band C rating) by 31 March 2024.

2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 Target: 2023/24 71.67 71.76 72.08 72 Average calculated Average calculated

Average calculated SAP score

Average calculated SAP score

SAP score

SAP score

## **Credit Summary**

- On of the largest Housing Associations in the UK, with strong Governance, Regulatory and legal framework.
- Geographical focus in London and Manchester, in areas of high demand. With clear strategy and track record of divesting from non-core geographies.
- Strong balance sheet, including stable debt and consistently strong operating cashflow generation and low gearing.
- Strong financial performance, underpinned by our main activity of stable and predictable affordable housing revenue streams.
- Strong management team with extensive experience of the housing sector.
- Strong external validation of performance G1/V2 Regulatory Ratings, A3/A-/A+ Credit Ratings, and 100% CCQ rating.
- Lower development spend, coupled with asset divestment, will reduce debt burden.

