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# 90 homes are acquired

A HOUSING association based in Bournemouth has committed to growing its services with the purchase of around 90 homes across Dorset and Devon.

Social housing provider **BCHA** bought the properties from Sovereign Housing Association and took control of them in late-November.

Earlier this year, the group was able to secure additional capital funding of £10.5m towards its new housing development and investment plans over the next couple of years.

The association is looking to deliv-

er at least 50 units a year into ownership as part of its new five-year plan.

Stacey Northover, BCHA's assistant director of housing and customer experience, said: "We are delighted to welcome new customers and believe that this acquisition will allow for a more joined-up and streamlined service and continue our vision of building better lives, better homes and better communities.

Sovereign merged with Spectrum Housing Group last year and Helen Hann, Sovereign's divisional director south, said: "During our merger,

we reviewed our geography to make sure that we can work effectively and efficiently across such a large area.

"In some cases, we realised that selling or swapping some of our homes with another housing association would mean a more local, improved service for residents.

"In this particular case, we felt that BCHA, who are a specialist housing and support provider, would be better placed to continue meeting the needs of the residents living in the properties that were transferred."