

## Speech-enabling our websites with Browsealoud

**We are committed to ensuring equality and diversity in all our relationships and have added two accessibility features to our websites**

Browsealoud is an investment we have made to speech-enable each of the group's websites. We have also added another feature, powered by google which translates the websites into other languages.

Browsealoud is a unique text-to-speech solution from Texthelp that reads website content aloud and highlights each word as it is spoken. This combination greatly improves comprehension for those with literacy difficulties, such as dyslexia, those with mild visual impairments or those for whom English is a second language.

Tom Woodman, Devon & Cornwall Housing Head of Strategy and Governance says, We are committed to ensuring that our policies and practices combat discrimination at all levels. We are keen to improve the accessibility of our websites for those who find reading text online difficult. Browsealoud and the google translation are simple features to implement. With the google translation feature, all users have to do is select the language of choice from the drop-down menu and watch the page translate. With Browsealoud all our website visitors have to do is download the service and hover their mouse over the text to hear it read aloud simple.



Browsealoud continues to be the only speech-enabling solution that gives users total control and does not affect the look and feel of websites. It is unique in its delivery, in that all the technology is provided free to the website visitor, with the cost covered by the website owner.

Mark McCusker, Texthelp's Chief Executive Officer, adds: We are delighted to have Devon & Cornwall Housing onboard. This group join the growing number of housing associations who are committed to making online accessibility a reality with our Browsealoud service.

If you would like to know more, please contact [Tom Woodman](#).