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Tony is a Chartered Town Planner and Fellow of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). He is now Emeritus Professor of Town & Regional Planning at The University of Sheffield where he was previously the senior Pro Vice Chancellor.

Tony graduated from Bristol University with a First Class honours degree in Geography. From Bristol he moved to University College London, on a DES scholarship, to undertake a taught master's course in Town Planning and was awarded an MPhil. He became a chartered town planner in 1977 when he was elected to corporate membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute. He received his doctorate from the University of Sheffield upon completion of his PhD thesis on the impact of the changing ownership of the private rented housing sector upon dwelling conditions. In 2001 he was elected to a Fellowship of the RTPI in recognition of his distinguished contribution to town planning. In 2004 he was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in recognition of his outstanding contribution to research and to public policy. In 2014 he was appointed CBE in the New Year Honours in recognition of his service to housing research and policy and to the governance of charities.

Tony is also very active on a non-executive basis in the worlds of policy and practice, including within his professional institute. His research brings him into regular contact with policy makers in central and local government.

He is former Chair of the Board of Trustees of Shelter, Deputy Chair of the Orbit Housing Group, a director of Orbit Homes 2020 Ltd, a Trustee of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, and a member of the Trustee Board of the Royal Town Planning Institute. He also serves as a member of the Council of the Academy of Social Sciences and is the past chair of the board of its Campaign for Social Science.

He has previously been Chair of Sheffield Homes Ltd (the largest arms length company in England: 48k homes and five year capital expenditure of £670m), an independent member of the board of the National Tenant Voice, Chair of the RTPI Accreditation Board, a member of the National Housing Federation's National Council, Chair of South Yorkshire Housing Association, Chair of the RTPI's Housing Panel, a member of the RTPI Research Committee, and Chair of ConneXions South Yorkshire Ltd.