

Notes of Lyon Street Area Housing Panel Monday 17th March 2008

Present:

Bill Millett M.B.E.	(BM)	Mackwest TRA
Mary Barnard	(MB)	Fairdene Court TRA
Irene Spence	(IS)	Mersey Estate TRA
Bert Gafney	(BG)	Caledonian Estate TRA
Brian Potter	(BP)	Pleasant Place TRA
Liz Colloppy	(LC)	Sturmer Way, 1 in 1000
Kathy Daley	(KD)	Guest – Poynder Court
Mary Bowman	(MB)	Guest – Sebbon Street
George Colloppy	(GC)	Guest – Sturmer Way
Lee Williamson	(LW)	Guest – Mersey Estate
Cllr Edwards	(BE)	Holloway Ward
Cllr Spall	(CS)	Caledonian Ward (chair)
Garry Bates	(GB)	Senior Area Housing Manager (HFI)
Seval Halil	(SH)	Acting Area Housing Manager (HFI)
Lyn Edwards	(LE)	Area Programme Manager (HFI)
Laure Kennedy	(LK)	Graduate Trainee (HFI)
Lee McDermott	(LM)	Community & Service Development Officer (HFI)

Apologies:

Richard Beal	(RB)	Keighley & Staveley TRA
Pat Croci	(PC)	Papworth Gardens, 1 in 1000 (LH)
Charles Riley	(CR)	Rowstock Gardens TRA
Kathy Martin	(KM)	Papworth Gardens, 1 in 1000
Sadie Lambert	(SL)	Lion Court 1 in 1000 (LH)
Dolly Sparks	(DS)	Guest – Papworth Gardens
Cllr Fieran-Reed	(EFR)	Barnsbury Ward
Cllr Chaterjee	(NC)	Holloway Ward

ITEM	Matter raised	Action
1.0	Introductions	
1.1	Following apologies received from Richard Beal, panel agreed that Cllr Spall should chair the meeting. There were no objections to this. Cllr Spall proceeded to open the meeting and all present made their introductions to the panel.	
2.0	Previous notes and matters arising	
2.1	Notes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.	
2.2	LM updated the panel with responses to questions raised at meeting in January.	
2.2.1	7.4 of previous notes. LM clarified that the caretaker for Papworth Gardens was undertaking duties amounting to two hours per week on a neighbouring estate and that this should have little to no effect on the levels of caretaking on Papworth Gardens.	
2.2.2	7.7 of Previous notes. LM advised that there was no local policy in place to not carry out repairs to the door entry systems at Pangbourne or Moultsford in the light that they are due to be replaced. These repairs should be reported as normal and escalated above co-ordinator level if the repairs are not being completed.	
3.0	Consultation Items	
3.1	<p>LM circulated additional information items on rent increases provided by GB prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Report 1: Consultative Panel Dates 2008 - 2009</p> <p>BP asked that FITA dates be included in clash diaries in future to maximise attendance at FITA meetings. LM advised that he would pass this on to the SDT but dates were set locally so the FITA dates should be provided in advance.</p> <p>LM told the panel that he had consulted the clash diary and ward counsellors and proposed the following dates for the 2008/09 AHP meetings as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 19th May 2008 • Monday 21st July 2008 	

<p>3.1.3</p> <p>3.1.4</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.2.1</p> <p>3.2.2</p> <p>3.2.3</p> <p>3.2.4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 22nd September 2008 • Monday 17th November 2008 • Monday 19th January 2009 • Monday 16th March 2009 <p>The Panel voted on these dates and five were in favour and one abstained.</p> <p>Venue and time were then discussed openly by the panel with one panel member taking the view that the meetings should take place at the town hall, arguing that the location of Westbourne CC reduced representation from St Mary's Ward as residents were not prepared to travel as far. Other panel members advised that this was often an issue when considering venues.</p> <p>Panel discussed this and agreed times would remain 7pm start and the venue would remain Westbourne CC. Again this was voted on with five in favour and one abstaining.</p> <p>Report 2: Tenant compact annual Review</p> <p>GB took the panel through this report. The Panel broadly agreed with the report but members made the following comments:</p> <p>BP again raised the issue of the disbanding of the CNC and advised the panel that he was taking this matter to the ombudsman.</p> <p>Appendix one of the report (Summary of tenant participation compact agreement) was discussed. BP asked for evidence that Homes for Islington has met its responsibility to consult on major works and other projects including decent homes standards.</p> <p>BP also asked that the review of compact and its effectiveness take place more than once a year.</p>	<p>PS Team</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Information Items</p>	
<p>4.1</p> <p>4.1.1</p> <p>4.1.2</p>	<p>Report 3 – HFI and Consultative Panel Update</p> <p>With reference to 3.1.2 & 3.1.3 BP asked why Homes for Islington will be building the new developments when they clearly have no proven skill base in this field?</p> <p>BE & BP both requested more information on proposed future sites being considered.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS/ LBI</p>

4.2	Report 4 – Decision Items at Last Board and Sub Board Meetings This report is for information only; Panel noted report.	
4.3	Report 5 – Forward Plan This report is for information only; Panel noted report.	
4.4	Report 6 – Capital Programme 2007/08 monitoring 3rd quarter	
4.4.1	BP asked why, despite having over fifteen preferred contractors, the same contractors are given massive contracts again and again and wants to know why this is?	PS
5.0	AOB	
5.1	BP advised the panel that he had recently attended a meeting in Liverpool where he spoke with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, who agreed to attend the FITA meeting on 3 rd June 2008 at the Town Hall. Details to follow.	ALL
5.2	LS and a number of the other panel members requested a more detailed report on what is involved in the digital changeover and would also like to know more about the proposed removal of satellite dishes from HFI estates. Why is it that some of the larger satellites are not to be removed? And How are we ensuring that the systems we are putting in place wont adversely affect non-English speaking residents.	PS
5.3	LC advised the panel that the recycling collections on her estate were not being completed very well and the operatives were dropping items throughout the estate and leaving it in a real mess.	
Date of next Meeting: 19th May 2008		