

Notes of Holland Walk Area Housing Panel 14 March 2007

Present

Michelle Breen	Bowerman Court TRA
Judith Williamson	Brecknock TRA
Chanell Pritchard	Fairbridge TRA
Helen McGlone	Fairbridge TRA
Mr King	Hilldrop Crescent TRA
K Jones	Hilldrop Crescent TRA
Joyce Collinson	Hollins, McCall & Daren Court TRA
Beverley Bose	Hollins, McCall & Daren Court TRA
Phillip Boothby	Holly Park TRA, Associate Director
Mr A Matin	Holly Park TRA
Justine Gordon-Smith	Ilex House TRA
Thomas Cooper	Lower Hilldrop CRA
Ron Ranger	Lower Hilldrop CRA
John Slaughter	Moelwyn Hughes TRA
Patricia Evangelou	New Orleans TRA
Peter Newland	Palmers Estate TRA
Nicholas Clark	Palmers Estate TRA
Chris Graham	1 in 1000 Rep
Ron Vince	1 in 1000 Rep
Eileen Avis	1 in 1000 Rep, Associate Director
Cllr Wally Burgess	St George's Ward
Cllr Janet Burgess	Junction Ward
Cllr Ursula Woolley	Junction Ward
Jessie White	Resident Director
Theresa Coyle	Resident Director
Kate Barns	Independent Director
Simon Kwong	Head of Performance & Service Development
Garry Bates	Senior Area Housing Manager
Jacqui Ferguson	Housing Services Manager
Liza Durrant	Community & Service Development Officer

Apologies

Cllr Andrew Cornwell
Melmerc TRA
Hillrise TRA

ITEM	Matter raised	Action
1.0	Introductions	
	Introductions were made	
2.0	Holland Walk Tenant Compact Ratification & Estate Security 07/08	

	Allocation	
2.1	Panel asked it be noted that the tenant compact process is not effective in its current format. The quotes need to come in sooner so TRA's have an opportunity to look at the schemes to be considered. Bids that are put forward by ESCOs that are also out of the borough (Pineridge Court, Barnet) should have photographic evidence. Comments are to be taken back to Kiers and the projects teams. It was raised that some panel members felt that the compact budget was in danger of being officer led rather than tenant led and that this needed to be addressed. CG asked that the minutes of the last Isedon Road Area panel be presented at the next AHP meeting.	
2.2	It was confirmed that Dalmeny Avenue doors will be funded under the community safety budget 07/08.	
2.3	The panel approved the Elthorne and Whittington tenant compact schemes selected by the sub groups.	
2.4	Skevos Louios from Young Peoples Services attended the meeting to update the panel on the youth schemes and request that the panel continue funding for the next financial year. A handout was circulated (please see attached). The panel raised concern that funding for youth projects should not be coming out of housing budgets and that the Council don't put enough money into children's services. It was stated that the panel should not fund youth services the following year.	
2.5	Cllr Woolley stated that youth services are well funded, The issue is more to do with information and communication, need to look at if the services are being targeted properly.	
2.6	<p>Two proposals were put forward by the panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) split the budget and give half to YPS and allocate the other half somewhere else – 4 members voted in favour of this b) Agree to allocated £27,000 to YPS this year and then next year agree on different security schemes – 6 voted in favour. <p>Panel voted in favour of the Estate Security Budget 07/08 being allocated towards a continuation of the Holland Walk Estates youth projects</p> <p>Elthorne Youth club - £14,000 Miranda Estate - £4500 Partnership Project – 8000 Surplus £3295 to be allocated at the next housing panel</p>	
2.7	One panel member was not happy and stated that the issue will be taken to the councillors to help fight against the decision.	
3.0	Previous minutes	
	Agreed	
4.0	Local Issues – Petitions	
	Three petitions were brought to the panel. These were	

<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leith House – Regarding the antisocial behaviour of one resident in the block. The matter was referred to the antisocial behaviour officer to investigate and refer to the police. The lead petitioner was invited to an interview at the office on the 2nd March but failed to attend. The tenant is to be invited to the office for a joint interview with a social worker. The petition remains open. • Weatherbury House – Regarding the antisocial behaviour of one resident in the block. The matter was referred to the antisocial behaviour officer to investigate and refer to the police. The matter was raised with the Police on 9th February 2007. Police to patrol Wedmore Street for illegal activities. A taking request to be made to ASB Out of Hours team to patrol the area. The lead petitioner to be invited in for a meeting and vehicle of the suspected drug dealer to be given to the police. The matter will raised at the police Liasion meeting on 8th March 2007. The petition remains open. • Longley House - Regarding the antisocial behaviour of one resident in the block. The matter was referred to the antisocial behaviour officer to investigate. The tenant was interviewed at the office on the 2nd March. A warning letter is to be issued to the tenant. The petition remains open. 	
<p>5.0</p>	<p>HFI Consultation Items</p>	
<p>5.1</p> <p>5.1.2</p> <p>5.1.3</p> <p>5.1.4</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.2.1</p>	<p>Report 1 – Consultative Panels – Elections, meeting dates and venues This report is for decision. SK took panel through report</p> <p>The current chair stood down and Justine Gordon Smith from Ilex House TRA was voted in as Chair for this one meeting.</p> <p>Panel voted in favour of remaining as one area housing panel.</p> <p>Panel agreed to have the meetings in the Williamson Community centre on the following dates</p> <p>May 16th July 18th September 19th November 21st January 23rd March 19th</p> <p>Report 2 – Draft HFI Resident Involvement Strategy This report is for consultation. SK took panel through report</p> <p>General comments There was a long discussion on the report. Overall the panel agreed that there is a general concern that the other proposed groups and methods</p>	

	<p>of resident involvement detailed in the draft proposal undermine the hard work already being undertaken by TRAs and FITA in the local communities.</p> <p>5.2.2 The panel would like more support from HFI for TRAs in establishing strong communities. There was concern raised over the motives of HFI in drafting the proposal.</p> <p>5.2.3 The panel wanted to know if TRAs would have access to the 'list' of contacts and telephone numbers and would these people come to TRA meetings and communicate and work with the TRA, it was noted that if they didn't, then it would lead to divisions within communities.</p> <p>5.2.4 Panel asked how will the existing TRAs relate to the sounding boards and will communication be open and transparent.</p> <p>5.2.5 One panel member recommended having an interactive section on the HFI website, a blog to enable people to discuss the issue. Another panel rep felt this could exclude those who don't have easy access to the internet.</p> <p>5.2.6 Panel asked if people joining the sounding board will get paid as an incentive and commented that TRA members don't receive any payment for their commitment.</p> <p>5.2.7 Concern from the panel that HFI do not appreciate the value of FITA. Panel agreed that the work they do is fantastic and although the money they are given is substantial there are other forums that will be receiving much more for managing less. Working with FITA is a better way of reaching people.</p> <p>5.2.8 One member felt that 4.8.1 was a good idea and this needed to be developed further and maybe have a satisfaction form for residents to complete after leaving meetings. Training opportunities for residents was also seen as a positive initiative.</p> <p>5.2.9 One panel member proposed that the panel be provided with a complete breakdown of current expenditure on tenant participation in order to enable the panel to make recommendations. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.</p> <p>5.2.10 4.9.1 FITA confirmed that they do not monitor TRAs and this should be the responsibility of HFI.</p> <p>5.2.11 SK thanked panel for comments and responded by saying that the draft proposal is about giving people as many different routes to HFI and minimising those who feel excluded. HFI value customer comments and are determined to increase satisfaction with participation and if the panel have better positive suggestions <i>there</i> this is the forum to raise and discuss them.</p>	
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5.2.12	SK clarified that HFI are not thinking of incentives, expenses may be paid as in the case with TRA's but as it's only a draft proposal nothing can be confirmed.	
5.2.13	In terms of FITA HFI are not attacking but questioning where the resources are going.	
5.3	<p>Report 3 – Decision Items considered at Board meeting 15th January 2007</p> <p>This report is for information only. Panel note report</p>	
5.4	<p>Report 4 – Homes for Islington Update</p> <p>This report is for information only. Panel note report</p>	
5.5	<p>Report 5 – Forward Plan</p> <p>This report is for information only. Panel note report</p>	
5.6	<p>Report 6 – 2006/2007 Capital programme – 3rd quarter monitoring</p> <p>This report is for information only. Panel note report</p>	
5.7	<p>Report 7 – Governance Arrangements</p> <p>This report is for consultation. SK took panel through report</p>	
5.7.1	All panel members were given an opportunity to comment on the report.	
5.7.2	A panel member and a resident board member began to have a heated discussion. The chair interrupted this and insisted that both parties desist from such behaviour.	
5.7.3	One panel member expressed concern over the apparent division at the meeting and stated that there should be ground rules established to avoid this kind of conflict in future. The Chair suggested that the panel adopt a code of conduct for future meetings.	
5.7.4	<p>The panel voted on each of the recommendations</p> <p>2.1.1 Panel voted in favour of leaving the sub boards as existing</p> <p>2.1.2 Panel voted against the introduction of allowances for Board directors but agreed that they should be covered for loss of earnings and childcare</p> <p>2.1.3 Panel voted against reducing the size of the board.</p> <p>2.1.4 Panel voted in favour of a borough wide voting process</p>	
6.0	AOB	
6.2	Ilex House TRA registered a formal complaint on behalf of Isledon Road as all the TRA's were only given one days notice for a meeting to allocate the tenant compact 07/08.	
7.0	Date of next Meeting	

Wednesday 16 th May 2007 at 7.15pm	
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