

MINUTES OF ISLINGTON LEASEHOLDERS FORUM BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17th January 2007 @ 7PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL

Present

Brian Potter (**Chair**) (BP) Upper Street
Chris Radway (CR) Partners

HFI Officers

Doug Goldring (DG) Director of Operations
Nigel Freeman (NF) Home Ownership Manager
Alex Evans (AE) Home Ownership Services

Apologies

Joanne Arrowsmith (JA) Holland Walk

Observers

L Husebo Hillrise Mansions

Items Discussed

ITEM	MATTER RAISED	ACTION
1.0	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Introductions made.</p>	
2.0	<p>Minutes from the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Action points from the meeting:</p> <p>2.2 DG still to hear from Aiden Stapleton</p> <p>2.3 AE emailed 5 former members of the ILF that had left in the previous 12 months. Only Bill Woods responded. He left because he is now living in Lagos. He liked the ILF because he felt it gave him a chance to voice his opinions, and he thought it would be improved if the ILF had the finance for a full time worker and a surveyor, and for the ILF to be able to contact all leaseholders.</p>	

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	<p>6.1-2 DG to discuss with Helen Coyle, of LBI Legal</p> <p>6.3 AE to give an update at the next ILF Business Meeting.</p>	<p>DG</p> <p>AE</p>
<p>3.0</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p>Consultative Panel Reports</p> <p>Rent Review</p> <p>Report noted. Not applicable to leaseholders</p> <p>Packington Estate Update</p> <p>Report noted</p> <p>DG There were no freeholders on the Packington Estate</p> <p>Consultative Panels Tenants Compact and Estate Security 2007/08</p> <p>Report noted. Not applicable to leaseholders.</p> <p>Tenant and Leaseholder Satisfaction Surveys</p> <p>Report noted. The results of the Leaseholder Survey were discussed at the September ILF.</p> <p>Land Disposal Update</p> <p>Report noted.</p> <p>DG Redundant sites are being sold.</p> <p>Consultative Panel Restructuring</p> <p>Report noted.</p> <p>DG The ILF is outside the restructuring, as we are awaiting the outcome of the ballot for a funded ILA. If the ILF does continue, there will be 3 reps for each of the 4 HFI areas, along with 3 Partners reps. This will maintain the number of HFI reps at 12, and increase the number of Partners reps from 2 to 3.</p> <p>Decision Items at the last Board and Sub-Boards</p> <p>Report noted.</p> <p>HFI Update</p> <p>Report noted</p>	

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4.0	<p>Options for leaseholders in Islington</p> <p>Report noted. It was noted that Kier's prices are cheaper than those of British Gas. The prices provided by British Gas are just those that are available to the public. Those provided by Kier appear to be specially for HFI leaseholders.</p> <p>DG If this is successful, Kier could offer other services to leaseholders, such as plumbing or testing smoke alarms. Leaseholders would book the service directly with Kier/British Gas, and would be free to use any other provider.</p> <p>The benefit for leaseholders of using an HFI contractor is that there is accountability from a large company, rather than leaseholders having to pick their own contractor from the Yellow Pages. Hopefully this will also encourage leaseholders to get their boilers serviced.</p> <p>It has not been confirmed if this service will be available to Partners leaseholders.</p> <p>CR This has fantastic potential. Why has this not happened before?</p> <p>DG This is something that HFI have been trying to get for 2 years. Initially both Kier and British Gas did not want to offer this service, but they have re-evaluated the situation.</p> <p>BP Do other boroughs have a similar arrangement?</p> <p>NF Yes, Southwark do.</p> <p>CR How long are the prices valid for?</p> <p>DG I'm not sure. The purpose of this paper was to see if there is interest in this idea.</p> <p>BP I have a meeting with Kier tomorrow. I will invite them to the next ILF Q&A.</p> <p>CR We should move this forward, with leaseholders being able to subscribe to these services as soon as possible, but without closing the door on other contractors. How will this be publicised?</p> <p>DG There should be an article in the next Home Owner magazine. It is likely that Kier will also advertise.</p>	
5.0	<p>Date of Next Meetings</p> <p>Question and Answer session 14th March 2007 Council Chambers, Town Hall, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm</p> <p>Business Meeting 21st March 2007 Council Chambers, Town Hall 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm</p>	