

Minutes

Isledon Road Area Housing Panel – Monday, 15th May 2006

Present: Robert Burbidge (Chair), Cllr. Barbara Sidnell, Alistair Gayle, Philip Boothby, Garry Bates, Theresa Coyle, Helen Spall, Des Smith, Chris Graham, Tony Brown, Monica Parris, Arthur Perry, Abdul Matin, Doug Goldring and Gareth Evans (Minutes)

Apologies: Cllr. Catherine West, Cllr. Richar Watts, Cllr. Daniel Hulls, Cllr Katie Dawson, Cllr. Richard Greening, Cllr. Theresa Debono, Cllr. Philip Kelly, Cllr. Michael O'Sullivan and Maria Lopez

The Chair (Robert Burbidge) opened the meeting at 18.30 and welcomed everyone. Each person present then introduced themselves.

1	Local Area Papers	
1.1	Minutes of previous meeting, updated and agreed	
1.2	<p>Performance Indicators – laid around at the meeting</p> <p>Garry Bates went through the performance indicators</p> <p>The panel congratulated Garry Bates and the staff of Isledon Road Area Housing Office on the success of Isledon Road in recording the highest score across all area housing offices for March 2006 and for achieving the highest year to date aggregate score.</p> <p>The panel asked for consideration to be given to providing information on the number of complaints received as a result of repairs.</p> <p>The panel asked for details to be forwarded to panel members on the outcome of the repairs meetings chaired by Janet Binnie.</p> <p>The panel requested that the Responsive Repairs Manager be invited to the next panel meeting.</p> <p>The panel asked why Isledon Road Area Housing Office has the highest level of current rent arrears. Garry Bates explained that the area historically is one of the poorest in the country.</p>	
2	Local issues - AOB	
2.1	<p>Elections</p> <p>The Chair of the Area Housing Panel stood down, Garry Bates took on the role of the Chair.</p> <p>Nominations were sought for the Chair.</p>	

	<p>Robert Burbidge and Marian Spall were nominated, both nominations were seconded. By a show of hands with 5 votes in favour of Robert Burbidge and two for Marian Spall, Robert Burbidge was duly elected as Chair of the Area Housing Panel.</p> <p>Nominations were sought for Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Marian Spall was nominated, the nomination was seconded. By a show of hands with 7 votes in favour of Marian Spall, Marian Spall was duly elected as Vice-Chair of the Area Housing Panel.</p> <p>Nominations were sought for 1 in a 1,000 representatives. Chris Graham presented a paper and was nominated, the nomination was seconded. By a show of hands with 7 votes in favour of Chris Graham, Chris Graham was duly elected as a 1 in a 1,000 representative. There were two remaining positions as a 1 in a 1,000 representative, no further nominations were made. The panel asked if the vacancies could be advertised, possibly through a newsletter, to all residents within the catchment area of the Isledon Road Area Housing Office.</p> <p>Nominations were sought for the Disability and Older Persons Representative.</p> <p>Arthur Perry was nominated, the nomination was seconded. By a show of hands Arthur Perry was duly elected as for the Disability and Older Persons Representative.</p>	
2.2	<p>Tenant Compact</p> <p>The panel agreed to withdraw the allocation for the Six Acres Play Area as the demolition of Churnfield would have an impact upon the Six Acres Play Area.</p> <p>The panel agreed to proceed with the feasibility study of the play facilities at Holly Park but to reduce the sum set aside by 10k. Groundwork Camden & Islington have been asked to carry out the feasibility study.</p> <p>The panel agreed in principle to support a bid to extend the facilities at the Andover Community Centre. The bid is currently being priced and it is expected that the bid will be finalised in time for the next Area Housing Panel.</p> <p>Des Smith declared an interest in the Andover Youth & Community Trust and took no further part in the</p>	

	<p>discussion. A bid was presented to the panel on behalf of the Andover Youth & Community Trust to build upon the facilities provided by the Andover Youth & Community Trust and Arsenal Positive Futures project. The panel agreed to support the bid in the sum of £10,000 and awarded the Andover Youth & Community Trust funding.</p> <p>A bid was presented to the panel on behalf of the Stephens Ink Community Centre to secure funding to the value of £1,000 to replace obsolete furniture. The panel agreed to support the bid and awarded the Stephens Ink Community Centre funding.</p> <p>The panel agreed to ring-fence 4k for external decoration of Holly Park</p> <p>A bid was presented to the panel on behalf of John Lane of Arsenal Positive Futures project with regard to the Sue Davies Memorial Playground to secure funding to the value of £15,000 to upgrade the playground. The panel agreed to support the bid and awarded Arsenal Positive Futures project funding.</p>	
3	Main Papers (in bound document)	
3.1	<p>Recycling Collection Services from Homes for Islington Properties – for information</p> <p>Doug Goldring went through the report</p> <p>The panel noted the report.</p>	
3.2	<p>Decision items considered at Board Meeting 20th March 2006 – for information</p> <p>Doug Goldring went through the report</p> <p>The success of estates managed by Isledon Road in winning 5 of the monthly DEFRA awards and in winning the overall award was noted.</p> <p>Doug Goldring offered to look into a matter raised by a panel member and to report back directly.</p> <p>The panel noted and accepted the report.</p>	
3.3	<p>Homes for Islington Update – for information</p> <p>Doug Goldring went through the report</p> <p>Doug Goldring offered to look into a matter raised by a panel member and to report back directly.</p> <p>The panel noted and accepted the report.</p>	

3.4	<p>Consultative Panel Elections - for information</p> <p>Doug Goldring went through the report</p> <p>The panel noted and accepted the report.</p>	
3.5	<p>Sustainability Strategy – for consultation</p> <p>Doug Goldring went through the report</p> <p>The panel agreed the report.</p>	
3.6	<p>Proposals to meet digital switchover – for consultation</p> <p>Doug Goldring went through the report</p> <p>The panel agreed the report.</p>	
3.7	<p>Kier Islington Best Value Review – for information</p> <p>Doug Goldring went through the report</p> <p>The panel noted the report.</p>	
3.8	<p>2005/6 Capital Programme, 4th Quarter Monitoring – for information</p> <p>Doug Goldring went through the report</p> <p>The panel noted the report.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting – Monday 17th July 2006 at Emmanuel Church, 145 Hornsey Road, London, N7 6DU</p>	