

Notes of Lyon Street Area Housing Panel 8th May 2007

Present:

Gloria Johnson	(GJ)	Caledonian, 1 in 1000
Bill Millett M.B.E.	(BM)	Mackwest TRA
Kathy Martin	(KM)	Papworth Gardens 1 in 1000
Mary Barnard	(MB)	Fairdene Court TRA
Sadie Lambert	(SL)	Lion Court 1 in 1000 (LH)
Pat Croci	(PC)	Papworth Gardens, 1 in 1000 (LH)
Bert Gafney	(BG)	Caledonian Estate TRA
Irene Spence	(IS)	Mersey Estate TRA
Brian Potter	(BP)	Pleasant Place TRA
Louise Geraghty	(LG)	Field Court TRA
Liz Callopy	(LC)	Sturmer Way, 1 in 1000
Mat Calvert	(MC)	Boston & Nailour TRA
Richard Beal	(RB)	Keighley & Staveley TRA
Mary Bowman	(MB)	Sebbon Street, 1 in 1000
Mary Fitzpatrick	(MF)	Forest Court TRA
Cllr Lisa Spall	(LS)	Caledonian Ward
Cllr Firan-Reid	(EFR)	St Mary's Ward
Cllr Chatterjee	(NC)	Holloway Ward
Cllr Coupland	(JC)	St Mary's Ward
Simon Kwong	(SK)	Head of Performance & Service Development (HFI)
Lee McDermott	(LM)	Community & Service Development Officer (HFI)
Lyn Edwards	(LE)	Area Programme Manager (HFI)

Apologies:

Cllr Edwards	Holloway Ward
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ITEM	Matter raised	Action
1.0	Introductions	
1.1	<p>Gloria Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed the panel and guests.</p> <p>All attendees then made their introductions.</p>	
2.0	Previous notes and matters arising	
2.1	<p>The panel agreed the previous notes to be a true and accurate record of the March meeting.</p>	
	Consultative Panel elections	
3.0	<p>GJ stood down as both Chair of the panel and Associate Director for the Lyon Street area, as did the 1 in 1000 representatives. Cllr Spall took the chair for the purposes of the elections.</p>	
3.1	<p>LM issued eligible members with voting cards for the purposes of elections.</p>	
4.0	Election of 1 in 1000 representatives.	
4.1	<p>LS advised the panel that there had been four 1 in 1000 representative applications received for the posts and that there were four posts for the LS area. Ls further advised that one previous member had not submitted an application and that on this basis the panel would be asked whether they would consider a late application. At this stage Cllr Coupland advised the panel that the request was withdrawn. As there were four applications received and four posts available, there was no need to vote on the matter.</p> <p>The Following were elected as 1 in 1000 representatives for 2007/2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadie Lambert, Lion Court • Pat Croci, Papworth Gardens • Liz Callopy, Sturmer Way • Kathy Martin, Papworth Gardens 	
5.0	<p>Nomination & election of Vice Chair</p> <p>Pat Croci was nominated as vice chair, which she accepted. There were no other nominations and the nomination was carried with ten votes.</p>	

<p>6.0</p> <p>Nomination & election of Chair</p> <p>Nominations for position of Chair of the panel were received for Brian Potter and Richard Beal who both accepted. Eight of the panel voted in favour of Richard Beal and two members voted in favour of Brian Potter. Richard Beal was therefore elected as Chair of the LS panel for 2007/2008.</p> <p>7.0</p> <p>Nomination & election of Associate Director</p> <p>SK outlined the purpose of the role and the responsibilities for the benefit of the panel. The floor was then opened for nominations and Richard Beal was nominated. There were no further nominations made and the panel voted nine in favour and one against the nomination. Richard Beal was therefore elected as Associate Director of the LS panel.</p>		
Consultation Items		
<p>8.0</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p> <p>8.4</p>	<p>The Respect Standard for Housing Management</p> <p>SK took the panel through the paper.</p> <p>The panel commented on the proposed use of good neighbour agreements and whether they were effective for residents in leasehold properties. SK advised that ASB was addressed in much the same way regardless of whether the residents were tenants or tenants of leaseholders and that the agreements were an additional tool rather than a replacement.</p> <p>LS commented on the proposal to purchase Mosquito alarms and advised the panel that the Metropolitan Police no longer endorsed the use of these.</p> <p>IS advised that these had been used on the Caledonian Estate and had had little effect.</p> <p>EFR advised the panel that use of these simply singled out young people for no other reason than that they are young.</p> <p>BP advised that he strongly objected to the centralisation of the ASB teams, stating that their strength is in local knowledge. BP further sought clarification that centralising the teams would mean that there would be no reduction in staff.</p> <p>SK advised that the only proposal was the centralisation of the teams and</p>	

	<p>there were no plans whatsoever to reduce the number of staff. He further advised that each office now had a minimum of two ASB officers and one assistant, which was an increased as a result of the recent restructuring of the area offices.</p> <p>The panel voted to remove item 7.3 in the consultation paper and, further to a unanimous vote, requested that this item be removed from the proposal. There was no wish or desire to see the ASB teams centralised.</p>	
9.0	<p>Review of Tenants' Compact</p> <p>SK took the panel through the report.</p>	
9.1	BP commented that the original compact was made between LBI and Tenants but since HFI's inception in 2004 there had been no public meetings to discuss this matter.	
9.2	On the matter of Area Housing Panels and budgets, the panel agreed that the funds should be split equally four ways - believing that LS area would loose out on funds due to the number of properties it managed being less than others.	
9.3	On the matter of TRA constitution and membership the panel agreed that there should be no change to the wording of the constitution.	
10.0	HFI Information Items	
10.1	<p>Report 4 – Six monthly complaints monitoring This report is for information only. Panel noted report</p>	
10.2	<p>Report 5 – Decision items at Board meetings This report is for information only. Panel noted report</p>	
10.3	<p>Report 6 – Homes for Islington update This report is for information only. Panel noted report.</p>	
10.4	<p>Report 7 – Forward plan for consultative panels. This report is for information only. Panel noted report.</p>	
10.5	<p>Report 8 – 2006/07 Capital Programme. LE took the panel through LS area information.</p>	
11	AOB	
11.1	SL advised the panel that she had been alarmed to discover that her neighbour had been invoiced for door entry works that had not been carried out at Lion Court. She asked LE if this meant that we would have paid our contractor for these works. LE assured the panel that we had not.	

11.2	<p>LM advised the panel that none of the officers present could answer detailed questions on the mechanism and procedures in place at the HOU but that he would be happy to invite a representative who could to the next panel meeting. No one expressed a wish for this.</p>	
11.3	<p>IS advised that she had received a number of complaints from residents who advised that they had been passed from officer to officer when attempting to discuss ASB at Lyon Street. LM advised the panel that there were now two officer at LS and that a patch list had been devised. LM went on the advise that he would raise the matter with the LS management team but that he was aware of the issues on Mersey Estate and that both the Out of Hours team and The Police had been tasked to the estate and that action was being taken to address the issues brought to our attention.</p>	LM
11.4	<p>BM raised the issue of the financial incentive for residents who pay charges by DD. He advised that this seemed unfair. SK advised that this was cheaper for us an organisation and was therefore encouraged.</p>	
<p>Date of next Meeting: 16th July 2007 at Westbourne CC</p>		