

**SUMMARY OF BUSINESS**

**Kath Lavery, Chair Designate, chaired the meeting.**

**THE BOARD NOTED:**

1. Progress in delivering the action plan against the Audit Commission Key Lines of Enquiry.
2. The proposals to establish a separate legal entity for the Northern Lights Group consortium. Special determination by the Housing Corporation of a Schedule 1 matter, allowing payment to an employee.
3. The submission for the Berwick LSVT and plans for the presentation.
4. Progress reports from managers for Retirement, General Needs and Leasehold services and the North East region.
5. The options appraisal work in respect of Johnson House.

**THE BOARD REVIEWED :**

6. The Board Effectiveness Action Plan and agreed arrangements for future review in April and an awayday on 18<sup>th</sup> June.
7. The financial performance and KPI's.

**THE BOARD APPROVED :**

8. Salary review proposals from the Remuneration Committee for scheme, administrative and executive staff.
9. Proposals for the write-off of £1548 50 of abortive development costs and the sale of a strip of land at Almondbury.
10. The commitment of the Trust to the governments Respect agenda.
11. Treatment for the application of efficiency savings to support The budget for 2007-8 subject to tight control of spending, an efficiency target of 2.5% savings and further review in the year.
12. The Business Plan for Astraline, including investment in ICT and staffing, subject to rigorous monitoring to ensure profitability.
13. New contractual arrangements for reactive repairs and void works, developed with Northern Lights Group partners, subject to provisions for quality and consistency.
14. Revised Financial Regulations.

15.A new mandate for bank signatories.

Jim Lunney  
Chief Executive

(For an authoritative record, please refer to the minutes)