

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS

The board reviewed the impact of new component accounting rules on the forecast outturn for the year, and were reassured to find that the change was essentially benign, helped by prudent policies for capitalising costs.

Government Welfare Reform proposals continue to be of concern to the board, and a special focus is kept on people giving up tenancies because of affordability issues, sometimes disguised as other reasons.

The Tenant Services Authority is consulting on changes to the Standards against which all HA's operate. A task group has been established to respond and work on the potential impact for the Trust.

The Tenant Services Authority have revived their contact with the Trust and will be attending a board meeting in the spring.

The board were updated on the progress of the HR review, which is looking at the future strategy, and the shape of the service for the future. A full report is likely to come to the board in March.

The board welcomed the news of Investors in People accreditation and the glowing Good Practice Award for Health and Wellbeing.

The board discussed the draft Housing Investment Strategy which will set the priorities for future spending on new and existing properties. This will be further revised and return to the January board meeting.

The approach to the Continuous Improvement Strategy was endorsed with further prioritisation required on the programme of service reviews to ensure these are consistent and coherent.

The Terms of Reference were approved for the new Scheme Sustainability Service Management Group which is looking at the long term future of our older housing schemes.

The revised Retirement Policy – responding to the removal of the Default Retirement Age – was referred to the HR and Remuneration \Committee for final amendments.

The board received a presentation on the work of the General Needs Housing team focused on their community investment work.

The Equality and Diversity portfolio is to be led for the board by new resident board member Val Healey.

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Jim Lunney