

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING MANAGEMENT PANEL: WEST HOVE & PORTSLADE AREA

1.30pm 12 OCTOBER 2022

MINUTES

Present:

Councillors: Allcock (Chair), Barnett, Pissaridou, O'Quinn.

Represtatives: Patricia Weller, Muriel Briault, Alison Gray, Roy Crowhurst, Graham Dawes, Ann Tizzard, Gilles Guillard

Officers: Richard Wheeler, Sam Warren, Janet Dowdell, Robert Keelan, Grant Ritchie, Thomas Bald, Natalie Beckwith, Hannah Barker

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Ann Tizzard raised that Graham Dawes was incorrectly listed as a housing officer on the previous minutes.

2.2 Councillor Pissaridou raised that she sent her apologies for the last meeting but they were not recorded.

RESOLVED: The minutes were agreed as an accurate record subject to the above changes.

3 ACTION LOG OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Guttering Repair

Grant Ritchie raised that the current roof is a replacement, but there is no record of when it was replaced as it was with the previous contractor. Graham Dawes raised that the all costs involved in the repairs should be send to the Area Panel to ensure that no mistakes are made in future, such as installing the wrong size guttering. Grant Ritchie clarified that when the roof was replaced, the the wrong guttering wasn't installed – it just wasn't adjusted to the new roof.

Contaminated Water Supply

The action was agreed.

Actions for Officers

The action was agreed.

Bins in Greenleas Park

There was no discussion, but the Chair requested that the action remain outstanding until a verbal update is given, and that a representative from CityClean attend the next meeting.

Questions from Alison

The action would stay on the action list.

Non-Council owned Social Housing

The action was agreed.

Delays to Repair and Water Costs

Grant Ritchie suggested that Alison's case be looked at personally.

Weed Growth on Estate

The action would stay on the action list.

Improvements to Clarendon Road Estate

The action would stay on the action list.

Further Clarification about EIP and EDB

The action was agreed.

4 ESTATES WALKABOUT REVIEW

4.1 Janet Dowdell introduced the item.

4.2 Councillor Allcock was informed that a report will be provided to the housing leadership team as to whether the pilot scheme would be going ahead.

4.3 Councillor Pissaridou was informed that the following areas would be covered: North Portslade, the Ingram, and Clarendon. And that there were 3 walkabouts in each area of the city (West, East etc).

4.4 Councillor Barnett was informed that Hangleton would be included in one of the next 12 walkabouts.

4.5 Patricia Weller raised that the walkabouts are helpful to raise issues.

4.6 Muriel Briault was informed that the overgrowth can be reported to Housing customer services.

4.7 Graham Dawes was informed that the feedback given should be sent to Janet Dowdell.

5 AREA PANEL REVIEW DRAFT

5.1 Sam Warren gave a presentation on the item starting on page 27 of the Agenda.

5.2 Muriel Briault and Alison Gray raised that they could only attend meetings in the morning or afternoon.

5.3 Roy Crowhurst raised that evening or weekend meetings are essential to encourage younger participants.

5.4 Gilles Guillard raised that there should be an option for people to raise opinions to share and send them beforehand if they can't attend the meeting.

5.5 Councillor Allcock raised that it would be a good idea for a resident and a councillor to co-chair Area Panels. Patricia Weller raised that it would be important that the Councillor doesn't talk down the resident Chair.

5.6 Roy Crowhurst raised a concern about how the co-chairs of Area Panels are elected, and how the agendas are created. Sam Warren responded that the Agenda setting process would stay the same, and that the resident co-chair would be elected by the Panel, but the Councillor would be chosen from Housing Committee.

5.7 Ann Tizzard and Patricia Weller raised that the CityWide Conference wasn't advertised. Sam Warren responded that there were 500 posters displayed throughout the city's estates and on social media, as well as an email reminder.

5.8 Patricia Weller raised the following points:

- She only knows about Area Panels because she is already involved.
- When recruiting for new positions, out of hours commitments should be involved in the working hours.
- The documents can be confusing to new people.

5.9 Graham Dawes raised that:

- Graphs shouldn't be created using colour if people are receiving black and white copies.
- The paragraph on page 29 about the current remit of area panels is confusing and irrelevant.

Sam Warren responded that there will be a final meeting about the review of area panels which can hone that information and solidify the purpose of area panels.

6 RESIDENT QUESTIONS - 3 STAR

Role of Community Engagement Officers

The response was satisfactory.

Estate Development Budget Roll Over

6.1 Sam Warren raised that if the money has already been allocated, it will be ringfenced for that project, but if not the money will go back into the reserve pot.

Further Clarification of EIB and EDB

6.2 Ann Tizzard raised that the question didn't address the EIB. Janet Dowdell clarified that the EIB can be accessed via walkabouts in estates, or writing directly to Housing.

7 RESIDENT QUESTIONS - 2 STAR

Uneven Grass at Clarendon Road

It was agreed that the grass work would be completed as soon as possible.

8 POSITIVE COMMUNITY NEWS

8.1 Councillor Pissaridou raised that Robert Keelan would address specific areas that don't fall into either Housing or City Parks.

8.2 Ann Tizzard raised that the Hangleton and Knoll project are hosting free English Language and Health & Wellbeing courses.

8.3 Roy Crowhurst raised that if anyone needs help, people can still access the Council discretionary fund until the end of October 2022. Richard Wheeler added that he'd put together a list of resources which would be circulated.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Alison Gray raised that the outdoor taps at Clarendon need to be addressed as it has been coming up to 5 years of inaction. Robert Keelan confirmed he would chase this action.

The meeting concluded at 15:30

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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