

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING MANAGEMENT PANEL: WEST HOVE & PORTSLADE AREA

6.30pm 14 JUNE 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present:

Councillors: Baghoth, Czolak, Grimshaw, Helliwell, Hewitt, Nann and Pumm

Representatives: Roy Crowhurst (Chair, Woods House Residents Association), Graham Dawes (Philip Court Residents Association), Pat Weller (Knoll Community Association) and Muriel Briault (North Portslade Residents Association)

Officers: Sam Warren (Community Engagement Manager), Justine Harris (Head of Tenancy Services), Jan Dowdell (Tenancy Services Operations Manager), Martin Reid (Assistant Director Housing Management), Grant Ritchie (Head of Housing Repairs & Maintenance), Rob Keelan (Housing Manager), Hannah Barker (Senior Community Engagement Officer) and Emma Thomson (Democratic Services Officer)

Guests: Sarah Booker-Lewis (Local Democracy Reporter)

1 RATIFICATION OF COUNCILLOR CO-CHAIR

- 1.1 The item was deferred to the next quarter as the new terms of reference had not yet been agreed.

2 WELCOME, APOLOGIES & INTRODUCTIONS

- 2.1 Cllr Peter Atkinson, Ann Tizzard (Knoll Community Association), Joe Macrae (North Portslade Residents Association) and Alison Gray (Clarendon and Ellen Residents Association) sent apologies.

3 MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 **RESOLVED:** The minutes from the 14th December 2022 and 15th February 2023 were agreed as a correct record.
- 3.2 With regards to action WAO1, Graham Dawes advised the response was inadequate, therefore Martin Reid advised he would follow up with Graham separately.
- 3.3 In relation to action WAO2, Justine Harris provided a further verbal update as Graham Dawes stated the response was inadequate. Martin Reid also advised he would meet with Graham Dawes to discuss issues on his estate/ recurring issues raised at Panel.
- 3.4 Justine Harris agreed to visit Muriel Briault in relation to issues raised at Valley Road.
- 3.5 **RESOLVED:** Subject to the above comments, the actions were agreed as completed.

**4 WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES AND THE IMPACT ON AREA PANEL
MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 Justine Harris provided a verbal update on the recent ward boundary changes.
- 4.2 Roy Crowhurst queried if the changes impacted the parliamentary areas.

5 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

Void Properties Refurbishment Policy

- 5.1 The response was deemed satisfactory by residents.

Street Sweeping and Health & Safety

- 5.2 The response was deemed satisfactory by residents.

Improving Monitoring and Co-ordination of Estate Walks

- 5.3 The response was deemed satisfactory by residents.

Records of Housing Repairs

- 5.4 The response was deemed satisfactory by residents.

Working with residents: What does consultation mean?

- 5.5 The response was deemed satisfactory by residents.

6 SOCIAL HOUSING BILL PRESENTATION

- 6.1 The Assistant Director Housing Management, Martin Reid, introduced the presentation which provided an update on changes to regulations and commitments of the government's Social Housing Bill.
- 6.2 Pat Weller raised questions regarding cladding on new flat developments.
- 6.3 Roy Crowhurst raised questions regarding the complaints procedure, implications for contractors and if there would be changes to the Ombudsman process.
- 6.4 Cllr Nann queried if the bill applied to those living in temporary accommodation.

**7 HOUSING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN PROGRESS UPDATE AND HOUSING
PERFORMANCE Q4 22/23**

- 7.1 The Assistant Director Housing Management, Martin Reid, provided a verbal update on the progress of the Housing Committee Workplan and housing performance for quarter 4 2022/23.
- 7.2 Pat Weller sought clarification on the 94% of tenancies sustained.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 There was none.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm

