

**MINUTES OF THE 666TH MEETING OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND  
HOUSING EXECUTIVE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER 2016  
AT 10.00 AM IN THE BOARDROOM, THE HOUSING CENTRE, 2  
ADELAIDE STREET, BELFAST**

The Chairman asked Members to switch off their mobile phones or, as a minimum, switch them to silent.

## **1. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Leo O'Reilly, Permanent Secretary, Department for Communities who is attending the meeting as an observer.

## **2. PRESENT**

Mr D Hoodless

Professor P Roberts

Mr P Brett

Mr B Keery

Mrs H Legge

Mr G Lomax

Mr K Millar

Mr D Wilson

## **3. IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr C Bailie                      Chief Executive

Mr T McCartney              Director of Corporate Services

Mrs C McFarland              Director of Finance

Mr G Flynn                      Director of Housing Services

Mr P Isherwood                Director of Asset Management

Miss S McCauley              Director of Regional Services

Mr J Blease                      Head of Communications & Secretariat

Mr A Kennedy                 Assistant Director, Asset Strategy

Mrs J Boyd                        Board Secretary

**4. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Elattar and Mr J McCall.

**5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman asked if any Member had an interest to declare in relation to any item on the Agenda. No interests were declared.

**6. MINUTES AND ACTION NOTE/MATTERS ARISING**

i) Minutes of the 665th Board Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th October 2016 – Paper No 666/3(1)

It was proposed by Professor P Roberts, seconded by Mr B Keery and Resolved – That the Minutes of the 665th Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

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**7. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS****7.1 Presentations**

- Mid-Year Performance Report for Landlord Services – Item No 7(1) – Gerry Flynn, Director of Housing Services & Paul Isherwood, Director of Asset Management
- Tower Blocks Option Appraisal Programme – Paper No OS666/7(2) – Andy Kennedy, Assistant Director, Asset Strategy

**7.2 Item 7(3) – Review of Allocations – Withdrawn**

It was noted that the document has not yet approved by the Minister. The Review of Allocations was due to be presented to the Board prior to public consultation which is scheduled for mid-January 2017.

**7.3 Item 8(4) – Heating Contract – Withdrawn**

Tenders submitted have been rejected. Procurement Strategy to be revised to change contract from 3 lots to 6. This will increase competition and minimise any associated risks – It is anticipated that the paper for award of contract will be submitted to the Board in February 2017.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS****8.1 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman invited the Permanent Secretary to address Members.

**ACTION**

The Permanent Secretary paid tribute to the Chairman for what he has achieved over the past 4 years and thanked the Chairman personally and on behalf of the Department.

The Permanent Secretary referred to the challenges and issues that the Housing Executive faced at the time of the Chairman's appointment and commented on the challenge for the Chairman to stabilise the organisation.

The Permanent Secretary commented on the range of issues for housing in both the public and private sector and stated that housing has reached a turning point.

The Permanent Secretary referred to SHRP and commented on the need for a decision at political level and 'buy in' across the NI Assembly.

The Permanent Secretary thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to attend the meeting today.

**9. DISCUSSION TOPICS****9.1 Landlord Services Business Monitor up to the end of 31st October 2016 – Report + Paper No 666/6(2)**

The Board noted the performance for the seven months of the financial year up to 31st October 2016.

**10. FOR APPROVAL****10.1 Review of Homelessness Strategy – Report + Paper No 666/8(1)**

Decision taken: The Board approved the release of the draft Homelessness Strategy 2017-22 for public consultation.

**11. FOR INFORMATION****11.1 Analysis of Rental Income & Arrears Recovery 1 April – 30 September 2016 – Paper No 666/9(1)**

The paper was noted.

**11.2 Social Housing Enterprise Strategy – The First 12 Months – Report + Paper No 666/9(2)**

The Board noted the progress achieved since the Strategy's launch in September 2015.

**11.3 Final Accounts for Achieving Excellence in Construction (AEC) – Grounds Maintenance Contracts – Paper No 666/9(3)**

The paper was noted.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS****12.1 Board Members Conference in London on 3rd & 4th October 2016 – Paper No 666/10(1)**

Board Members undertook to advise the Board Secretary of their availability to attend.

**12.2 Board Secretary**

The Chairman paid tribute to the Board Secretary who is retiring at the end of December. The Board Secretary thanked the Chairman and Board for their good wishes.

**12.3 Chairman**

The Vice Chair paid tribute to the Chairman who is stepping down at the end of December. The Chairman thanked the Board and Officers and stated that it had been an honour and privilege to chair the Housing Executive.

The Chairman wished everyone well for the future.

**13. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, 25th January 2017 at 10.00 am in the Boardroom, The Housing Centre, 2 Adelaide Street, Belfast.

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CHAIRMAN