

Housing Executive

Minutes of the 699th (Special) Meeting of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive held on Wednesday 11 December 2019 commencing at 10am in the Boardroom, The Housing Centre, 2 Adelaide Street, Belfast

Professor Roberts welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested that all present to switch their mobile devices to silent.

	<u>PRESENT</u>	
	Professor P Roberts	Chair
	Mr J McMullan	Vice Chair
	Mr K Millar	Board Member
	Mr D Wilson	Board Member
	Mr J McCall	Board Member
	Mr C Welch	Board Member
	<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	
	Mr C Bailie	Chief Executive
	Mr P Isherwood	Director of Asset Management
	Mrs C McFarland	Director of Finance, Audit & Assurance
	Mr C McQuillan	Director of Housing Services
	Ms S McCauley	Director of Regional Services
	Mr D Moore	Director of Corporate Services
	Mrs M Canning	Head of Communications (Acting)
	Mr A Kennedy	Assistant Director (Asset Strategy)
	Mrs K Smyth	Secretariat Manager
	Ms C Loughran	Boardroom Apprentice
	<u>APOLOGIES</u>	
	None	
		<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Declarations of Interests</u>	
	No declarations were received, and all present were reminded of best practice in relation to the handling of any conflicts of interest.	

<u>CHAIR'S BUSINESS</u>		
2.	<p><u>Verbal Update - Chair's Business</u></p> <p>There were no routine items of business to be reported at this Special Meeting, and no urgent items had arisen following on from the monthly Board meeting.</p>	
<u>PAPERS FOR APPROVAL</u>		
3.	<p><u>PAPER - Quarterly Assurance Statement - Quarter Ending 31 December 2019 (Presented to ARAC on 10 December 2019)</u></p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> the Board approved the Quarterly Assurance Statement for the Quarter Ending 31 December 2019, and its onward submission to the Department for Communities.</p>	
4.	<p><u>PAPER & DRAFT STRATEGY DOCUMENT - NIHE Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023</u></p> <p>The Director of Housing Services spoke in detail to his paper seeking Board approval to undertake a consultation exercise in respect of the draft Housing Executive Strategy "Working Together for Safer Communities". He summarised the initiatives implemented to promote and respond to community safety and highlighted that customers were finding the initiatives very satisfactory. With reference to environmental works, he also elaborated on the benefits of the Social Investment Fund. In addition, the importance of ongoing consultation with all statutory bodies was highlighted, particularly in terms of positively influencing what might arise in the future.</p> <p>Members welcomed the paper, commending the comprehensive piece of work undertaken.</p> <p>Discussion ensued and the Director of Housing Services responded to enquiries from Members regarding -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The connection between the Community Safety Strategy and Community Safety Partnerships and methodology for same; • How success was measured and the satisfaction rates accorded; • Alignment to Community Planning Partnerships (anti-social behaviour etc); • The differing size and roles of the Housing Executive and Housing Associations within Northern Ireland which, it was felt, should be clearly identified within the consultation document. 	

	<p>The Chair commended the document and suggested that early on in the content, a reference should be inserted to what good looks like (i.e. a thought bubble) in terms of a sustainable community, and perhaps a series of questions should also be inserted to prompt feedback.</p> <p>NOTED: the Chair highlighted a required change to page 32 of the paper (<i>Chairman should be reflected as Chair</i>).</p> <p>RESOLVED: the Board -</p> <p>(1) approved the recommendation contained in the paper, namely, approval of the issue of the Community Safety Strategy 2020/23 and associated Action Plan for consultation;</p> <p>(2) noted that a paper outlining the results of the 12 week consultation process would come to the Board in May 2020.</p>	<p>DHS</p> <p>DHS</p> <p>DHS</p> <p>DHS</p>
5.	<p><u>PAPER & DRAFT STRATEGY DOCUMENT - Social Housing Enterprise Evaluation & Strategy</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: the Board approved the recommendation outlined in the paper.</p>	
7.	<p><u>PAPER & POWERPOINT PRESENTATION - Strategic Proposals for Stock Re-Provision</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: the Board –</p> <p>(1) approved the recommendation contained in the paper, (2) agreed that the Director of Asset Management bring a paper to the Board setting out a concept or outline proposal in principle.</p>	
6.	<p><u>PAPER & DRAFT STRATEGY DOCUMENT - Strategic Proposals: Fundamental Review of Allocations</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: the Board approved the recommendation contained in the paper.</p>	
8.	<p><u>ERDF Procurement Contract Approval</u> <i>(CT069 No Fines External Wall Insulation and Associated Works Contract 2019)</i></p> <p>APPROVED.</p>	

9.	<p><u>UPDATE - SP Draft Three Year Strategy 2020-23</u></p> <p><u>NOTED.</u></p>	
10.	<p><u>UPDATE - SP Standardised Regional Payment Rates (SRPR)</u></p> <p><u>NOTED.</u></p>	
<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p>		
11.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p><i>Winter Weather Conditions</i> The Chief Executive advised the Board that officers were keeping a close eye on the winter weather for the holiday period. In addition, the Director of Housing Services indicated that a full emergency planning test would be undertaken either just before or immediately following Christmas. All emergency contact details were also being checked and updated.</p> <p>There was no other business raised.</p> <p><u>NOTED.</u></p>	
<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p>		
<p>The 700th Board Meeting of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 29 January 2020 at 10am in the Boardroom, The Housing Centre, 2 Adelaide Street, Belfast (<i>Private Meeting commencing 9.30am</i>).</p>		

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 3.50pm.

CHAIR