

# Board Bulletin

**The Board Bulletin is a summary of the business of the Housing Executive Board which meets once per month. The minutes of each Board meeting are available on the Housing Executive website once they have been agreed by the Board.**

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## **1) Transformation Work Programme 2014/15**

The Housing Executive is currently undertaking a major transformation programme to deliver a more customer focused approach to service delivery and performance. The Board approved the work programme for 2014/15.

## **2) Transition to New Organisational Structures**

The Board noted the progress made to date on implementing new organisational structures as well as the continued work that is required to complete this.

## **3) Evaluation Report of the Leadership Forum**

The Board noted the outcome of the inaugural Leadership Forum for senior Housing Executive managers and the planned activities to build capacity and capability for the Journey to Excellence.

## **4) Regional Housing Services Business Monitor**

The Board noted the performance of Regional Housing Services and the good progress that has been made in a number of areas such as HMO registration & inspection, processing of homeless applications, Housing Benefit applications, new build starts and recovery of overpayments.

The Board also noted that adaptations service for the private sector is demand led. Over the past number of months the Housing Executive has been actively marketing Disabled Facilities Grants.

Performance for the prompt payment KPI, (to pay 90% of invoices within 10 days) improved this month, however is still significantly below target at 19.3%.

## **5) Overview of the Research & Intelligence Activities and Housing Research Programme 2014-15.**

Under Corporate Objective 1 "Identification of Housing Requirements Across Northern Ireland" the Regional Division is enhancing its role in research and expanding its public reach through market intelligence. The focus is on research to inform the strategic priorities and guide other organisations in housing led regeneration.

The Board approved the proposed Research Programme for 2014-15.

## **6) Regional Private Rented Sector Access Scheme**

The Board approved annual funding of £812,016 to SmartMove as the preferred contractor for a procured Regional Private Rented Sector Access.

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## **7) Service Development for 24 Elderly Clients at Cuan Court, Newtownards**

The Board approved annual recurrent revenue Supporting People funding of £280,000 in the 2014/15 year and payment of £23,333 and start up costs of £12,740 in 2013/14 for a new 24 unit accommodation based, supported housing service for elderly people and people with dementia in Newtownards.

## **8) Supporting People to Live in Long Term Tenancies**

The Board approved three funding allocations totaling £697,393 to Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Trust, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust and Extern for 2 supported living schemes for clients being resettled from long stay hospital.

## **9) Vesting of 24-54 Fortwilliam Parade**

The Board approved the Land & Strategic Regeneration Department applying for a vesting order for 24-54 Fortwilliam Parade for the purposes of demolition and replacement with social housing.

## **10) Housing Led Regeneration**

The Board noted the progress of activity by the Land & Strategic Regeneration Department to progress housing led regeneration.

## **11) Response to a Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland**

The Board approved a proposed response to the Department of Environment's Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland.

## **12) Review of the Housing Executive's Procurement Process**

The Board noted the ongoing work to ensure the recommendations from the recent Centre of Procurement Expertise (CoPE) re-accreditation exercise are carried out.