



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESIDENTS' PANEL

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2009 AT 1730HRS

AT BEECH HOUSE

The meeting commenced at 1730hrs and finished at 1910hrs

Present:

Panel Members:

Brian Jones (Chairman)	Bill Durrant	Rob Saunders
Eric Peel	J Cormack	Arthur Reader
Fran McCudden	M Wisken	Mrs Reader
Peggy Robinson	Norman Farenden	Julie Bagwell
Ray Aggett	Norma McLaughlan	Daniel Fendley
Georgina Aggett	V Johnson	Marcia Bardsley
Les Orchard	C Johnson	Harry Martin
Jennie Vincent	K Allen	Belinda Shaw
Angie Knott	V Pettet	Ann Deacon
Linda Moore	T Humber	Lou Knight
Gordon Arch	Thomas Holmes	Ian Perkin
Valerie Wood	Sue Double	Ali Khan
Rod Wood	Derek Double	

Staff/others in attendance:

Claire McKenna (PHP) Deborah Walthorne (DWA)



<u>1.0</u>	<u>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</u>	
1.1	Brian Jones welcomed all to the meeting.	
1.2	BJ informed the Panel that the Government's review of the subsidy system had been delayed until June or July and that the progress of the options appraisal is dependent on the outcome of the review.	
1.3	It was agreed that the next Panel meeting on 02 June would be dedicated to a DWA briefing session.	
<u>2.0</u>	<u>WHAT IS A REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORD?</u>	
2.1	DW stated that a transfer to a registered social landlord (existing or newly set-up for the purpose of transfer) is ONE of the options being explored.	
2.2	DW delivered a presentation about registered social landlords. The presentation covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is a registered social landlord - A brief history - The role of the Board - The role of the Membership - Where does the rent go? - Tenancies - Achieving Excellence 	
2.3	The Panel discussed the difference between council and housing association rent levels and the Government's formula to reach rent convergence by a certain point in time.	
2.4	The Panel discussed the 'offer document' which would become a legally binding agreement if a transfer took place. Residents would be consulted extensively about the content of such a document and could include the protection of rent levels and service standards.	
2.5	The Panel discussed the ownership and membership of a	



	housing association.	
3.0	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
3.1	Tuesday 2 nd June 2009 at 1730hrs	

SCHEDULE OF KEY DECISIONS MADE

7th April 2009

- **Brian Jones was elected as Chairman of the Residents' Panel and the Residents' Panel sub-committee.**

11th February 2009

- **The Panel selected a sub-group to meet with DWA in between meetings.**

14th January 2009

- **Andy Ross selected by interested volunteers to represent residents on Communications Sub Group Group. Rod Wood selected to act as deputy**
- **Ray Aggett and Rob Saunders elected to represent residents on the Working Party**
- **Logo, strapline and colour scheme for project brand approved**
- **Residents' priorities agreed by Residents' Panel and refined**

10th December 2008

- **Brian Jones, John Tyrrell, Ali Khan, Helen Ross and Ray Aggett to form panel for selection of the Specialist Resident Advisor.**
- **'Your Home, Your Decision' approved as strapline for the project**