

# Minutes



## Minutes of BME forum meeting held on Date 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009 @ Boardroom, Houndsgate

**Present:** R Richardson, Mr Anderson, A Aderogba, A Smith, J Anderson, E Hamilton, L Stevens, B Hall-Archer, M Hunter, J Hall, Mrs Anderson, C James, A Schofield (NCH), J Dickenson (NCH), V Myers (NCH), C Hall (NCH), R Stanton, A Darby

**Apologies:** C Worthington, J Copeland, R Wynter

### Minutes of the last meeting

#### Item 2.1

AS informed the group that the inspection report was due out next week, and that on site feedback had been positive.

#### Item 2.5

Amendment to the minutes. AA met with Joe Kemp, not Leanne Taylor.

#### Item 2.11

AS updated the group that the consultations plan was in development.

CJ informed the group that the City Council were holding a consultation event, open to all

#### Item 2.13

Mrs Anderson requested an explanation as to why workmen had left the job on Broad Oak Close when work was not complete.

AS will look into this and ensure Mrs Anderson is informed.

#### Item 2.15

It was asked if NCH have a specific BME housing strategy.

AS informed the group that the City Council were developing one and have asked for involvement from the forum.

AA informed the group he will be working with Tuntum on a tenant participation policy. Tuntum are having fewer intakes of BME tenants due to

introduction of CBL.

It was agreed that the whole group should be involved in this and AS will ask Angela from the Council to come to the forum.

### **Chairs Report of Activity for 2008**

CJ read her report to the group.

### **Election of the committee**

Nominations have been received for the Chair and Vice Chair, and JD read these to the group.

Following some discussion the group agreed to suspend the election.

Nomination papers will be re-issued.

All nominees must have a seconder and the pen portrait is mandatory.

In the pen portrait you must describe why you want to be chair.

The voting will take place on 11/02/09 at 5.00 - before the meeting with the City Council.

### **Forum Aims, Objectives and Action Plan for 2009 Group work session.**

At this point the group split into 2 and reflected on the achievements of the forum over the last year, what could have been done better or needs more work and what people would like to achieve in the next year.

Feedback was given to the group as a whole.

JD and team will work on these and produce a plan for next year.

### **Any Other Business**

JD will set up a separate meeting to review the constitution.

The AGM will be held in February and minutes of last years AGM will be available.

AS asked for nominations for the NFA awards, can people let her know by tomorrow.

At the meeting in March, Alison Brandon will come to talk about representation of BME in sheltered schemes.

It was suggested that some members of the forum go and look round a sheltered scheme and report back to the group so the group is better informed.