



Minutes

Homes 4 Us
Monday 24th January 2011
12pm-2pm
Tenant Resource Centre, Hounds Gate

PRESENT:

Linda Kerry	LK
Jenny Grant (Vice Chair)	JG
Beverley Hall	BH
Val Schneider	VS
Elaine Graham	EG

Officers:

Amanda Schofield, Director Strategy and Partnership	AS
Janet Glass, Head of Business improvement & Development	JG
Tricia Quinn, Performance Review Manager	TQ
Cheryll Rawling, NCH Tenants and Residents Officer	CR
Gary Rackstraw, NCH Equality and Diversity Research Officer	GR
David Pearce NCC Service User Engagement	DP

Apologies: Alan Darby, Clive Thorpe, Alison Thorpe, Loveleen Labana, Jean Wilson, Linford Stevens, Ruth Haywood, Sue Stevenson, Lynn Mitchell.

Declaration of Interest

No Declaration of Interest by any of the attendee's.

1.0 Welcome & Apologies

The Vice - Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for introductions.

ACTION

2.0 Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of 25th November 2010 were agreed as a true record.

3.0 Matters Arising

3. Group photograph to be taken at next meeting. CR to arrange. CR

5. JG stated that the Forum members need recognition for the work they were doing.

6. No suggestions received by CR.

8. 25th April is Easter Monday. CR to find alternate date. CR

4.0 Self Assessment

TQ told the Forum that NCH is currently undertaking a review of the Involvement Framework which includes assessing what works well and what changes need to be made. The review will inform our new Involvement Strategy.

JG stated that the purpose of this session is to provide forum members with the opportunity to reflect on their own personal experience of the forum focusing on what works well, what needs to be improved and the role of the forum in the future. This will be an annual exercise.

Purpose of the Homes 4 Us forum

- Provide a method of consultation and feedback from all disabled tenants, leaseholders and carers
- Improve awareness of issues affecting all disabled people in NCH properties.
- Work together to improve the lives of all disabled people in NCH properties.

- Encourage all disabled tenants and leaseholders to be fully involved in consultation and involvement opportunities.

The Forum split into two groups, each group stating what they thought were the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities to the forum. JG and TQ took notes

5.0 Moving Forward

DP spoke about his idea for moving the forum forward, in brief the idea would be for The Homes 4us Forum to become a user lead organisation and creating a social enterprise linked to Nottingham City Homes whose role would be to provide all the support that City Homes residents need should they be eligible for social care provisions ,providing help with

- Information and advice
- Support planning
- Brokering
- Equipment
- Adoptions
- Care provisions

Once established then the group could also offer (sell) its services to none city home residents and because it would be a social enterprise any profit made would then be returned back to providing for local communities. This was discussed.

Other suggestions raised were;

- The conduct of some of the contractors towards tenants with hidden disabilities. The Forum members would like Steve Hale/Sharon Brooks invited to the next meeting.
- The Forum members would like vulnerable people

prioritised under the Secure, Warm and Modern programme. GR stated that the New Equalities Act doesn't prevent NCH from doing this. DP asked if vulnerable people are flagged up. GR said that if NCH had the relevant information they are.

AS suggested that JG and TQ attend the next meeting with as many members as possible so that a decision could be made as to the best way of moving the forum forward.

6.0 Any Other Business

No other business.

**Date and Time of the next Meeting
Monday 28th February 2011
12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.
The Boardroom, Houndsgate**