

Minutes



Minutes of TLC and Board Meeting
Wednesday 30th June 2010 6pm-8pm
Boardroom, Hounds Gate

TLC Members:

Jean England (JE)	Roy Lawson (RL)
Clive Thorpe (CT)	Alison Thorpe (AT)
Robert Morrell (RM)	Linford Stevens (LS)
John Riley (JR)	Sheila Thwaites (STh)
Maria Hemphill (MH)	Cynthia James (CJ)
Jacinth Hall (JH)	

Board Members:

Janet Storar (JS)	Peter Linford (PL)
Dave Bennett Bull (DBB)	Val Schneider (VS)
Margaret Pugsley (MP)	Paul Rowe (PR)
Suhail Hashmi (SH)	Kevin Butt (KBu)
Ade Aderogba MBE (AA)	

Also in attendance:

Gill Moy (GM)	Director of Housing Services
Amanda Schofield (AS)	Director Strategy & Partnerships
Julie Crook	Director of Finance, ICT and Governance
Janet Glass (JG)	Head of Business Improvement & Development

Apologies:

Lynn Mitchell, Sue Stevenson, Ruth Haywood, Ennis Peck, Kath Biddle, Carole Donnelly, Involvement Manager, NCH

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- 1.0 Welcome, introductions, and matters arising**
- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introductions and apologies were made.
- 1.2 There were no matters arising from the last meeting.
- 2.0 New Government policies and changes: early thoughts on implications for tenants and NCH**
- 2.1 AS distributed a document highlighting issues arising since the election. A discussion was then started regarding the

impact of the coalition government on housing issues and implications for NCH. Grant Shapps has confirmed plans to abolish the Tenant Services Authority and has also spoken about decentralisation of powers (including to local communities, housing professionals etc).

- 2.2 An in-depth discussion was had concerning proposed changes to the Housing Revenue Account. JC distributed some slides explaining Nottingham's current position and the potential impact of opting out of the HRA subsidy system.
- 2.3 Members of the TLC expressed concerns about the potential impact any changes may have to services to vulnerable tenants.
- 2.4 The potential advantages of coming out of the HRA subsidy system were discussed which included the ability to have real and meaningful dialogue with our tenants on the budget decisions. Local control would mean local decisions in response to local priorities and ultimately more money to spend on housing in Nottingham.
- 2.5 Members of the TLC were thanked for their contribution and will be kept informed of future developments in relation to the HRA.

3.0 Board Update

- 3.1 The Board held an Away Day over 2 half day sessions to consider the future of the company and key issues. JS will circulate a note on the Away Day with minutes from this meeting.

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4.0 Committee Updates

- 4.1 Due to time restrictions JS will circulate an update with the minutes.
- 4.2 It was suggested that an action plan be developed to address any shortcomings at the Away Day. This will enable the Board to grow and evolve.
- 4.3 The NFA conference will be held in July. MH has been invited to chair a workshop with JS. This was acknowledged as really positive for NCH and well done to MH and JS.

5.0 Involvement Review Update

- 5.1 JG circulated a briefing note providing an update on the

Involvement Review.

- 5.2 The Review is directed by a Project Board comprising Chairs of Forums and Board members. Membership is open to other members of the TLC if there is interest to get involved. All

- 5.3 The Review is exploring issues around Resident Scrutiny with members of the Panel having visited Salix Homes to learn about their experience of setting up scrutiny. STh, CT and DBB are meeting with Tricia Quinn (NCH Performance Review Manager) to discuss the findings from their visit. The Project Board will consider a range of models for taking forward scrutiny at NCH which will be fed back to a future meeting of the TLC. STh/CT/
DBB

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- 6.0 **Any Other Business**

- 6.1 None

Date of next meeting: TBC

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