

WHEATLEY HOMES GLASGOW BOARD MINUTE OF BOARD MEETING

MINUTE OF MEETING – 11 JANUARY 2023

Present: Bernadette Hewitt (Chair), Professor Paddy Gray (Vice-Chair) Andrew Clark, Councillor Frank McAveety, Maureen Dowden, Councillor Kenny McLean, Cathy McGrath (in part) and Derek Treanor.

In attendance: Anthony Allison (Group Director of Governance and Business Solutions), Steven Henderson (Group Chief Executive), Pauline Turnock (Group Director of Finance) and Hazel Young (Group Director of Housing and Property).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Robert Keir.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Board noted the standing declarations of interest. No new declarations of interest were made.

3. 2023 rent setting – tenant feedback and next steps

The Board received a report on the feedback from our extensive tenant engagement on our 2023 rent setting proposals and an update on the wider sector position in terms of consulting tenants on their rent increases. The proposed 2023/24 rent options and next steps, process and timeline for consulting our tenants were set out in further detail.

The Board considered the report and noted that our independently facilitated pre consultation engagement had given us a very strong sense of tenants' views on our rent setting proposals and priorities more widely with over 1200 customers involved in interviews and focus groups.

The Board further discussed the outcome of the initial consultation and was satisfied this was reflected in the consultation documents, including the challenges associated with balancing affordability and the impact on services and investment. In particular, the Board noted that the engagement had identified that a majority of those tenants involved were in favour of a rent increase to preserve services and investment as much as possible and did not support a rent freeze.

The Board considered the proposed consultation timeline and noted that while it was shorter than we would usually provide, it still provided a reasonable window for tenants to respond and opened up a new range of digital, instant response methods.

Decided: The Board

- 1) Approved the options for consultation by Wheatley Homes Glasgow and ex-Cube tenants as set out in paragraph 4.21 of the report.**
- 2) Approved the keys steps and timeline for consultation with tenants as set out in paragraph 4.22 of the report.**

4. AOCB

There was no further business considered.

Signed
(Chair)