# MINUTES OF THE INTEGRATED HOUSING BOARD, HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2008.

Councillor John Bevan (Chair), Robert Black, Paul Bridge, Sue Brown, Present:

Ibilola Campbell, Kate Dalzell, Phil Harris, Louis Antill Lewis, Jo Murphy, Lisa Redfern, Gloria Saffrey, Clare Winstanley.

Xanthe Barker, Mary Connolly, Denise Gandy, Chris Wood. In

Attendance:

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTON BY
LC68.	APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS	
	Apologies were received from the following:	
	Niall Bolger -Kate Dalzell substituted Councillor Brian Haley Neil Mawson	
LC69.	MINUTES	
	That, subject to the amendments set out below, the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.	
	i. Minute LC62, paragraph 3, be amended to read:	
	'The CLF was allocated three places on each of the Thematic Boards and HAVCO one place.'	
	ii. Minute LC66, paragraph 5, be amended to read:	
	'Councillor Haley also noted that he wished to become a member of the Integrated Housing Board'	
LC70.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	No declarations of interest were made.	
LC71.	URGENT BUSINESS	
	No items of urgent business were received.	
LC72.	APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD	
	The Board was reminded that, at its last meeting, Councillor Bevan had been appointed as its representative, on an interim basis, to the HSP	

until the position in relation to the RSL vacancy was clarified.

The Board was advised that the RSL position on the HSP remained vacant and that historically, the Haringey Housing Group (formerly the RSL Forum) had nominated a representative. There was agreement that, at their next meeting, the RSLs would elect an HSP representative.

With the RSL representatives in place, the Board agreed that Councillor Bevan should be appointed as the Integrated Housing Board's representative to the HSP on a permanent basis.

#### **RESOLVED:**

i. That Councillor Bevan be confirmed as the Board's permanent representative on the HSP.

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ii. That the Haringey Housing Group should nominate a representative to the HSP at its next meeting and report this to the Clerk to the HSP, for inclusion within the HSP membership list.

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# LC73. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Board was reminded that at its last meeting it had been requested that the Terms of Reference were updated and brought back to the Board for confirmation.

A revised version of the Terms of Reference was circulated.

The Board was advised that, since the last meeting, the Chair, Vice-Chair and Assistant Director had met to discuss the current membership of the IHB, particularly the RSL membership. There had been a consensus that there should be four RSL representatives on the Integrated Housing Board, including one from a BME RSL and that consideration should be given to appointing an additional representative from the Supporting People Provider Forum.

Upon the recommendation of the CLF representatives, the Board agreed to extend its membership to include a representative elected by the Supporting People Provider Forum.

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It was agreed that any further comments in relation to the proposed Terms of Reference and Membership should be sent to the Assistant Director who would ensure that these were considered at the next meeting.

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#### **RESOLVED:**

That any further proposals in relation to the Board's Terms of Reference and Membership should be considered at its next meeting.

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# LC74. UPDATE ON LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The Board received a report that provided an update in relation to performance during the first quarter (April-June) against the Local Area Agreement (LAA) National Indicators (NI's) within the Board's responsibility.

In addition to the report included within the agenda pack, a performance Scorecard was circulated at the meeting.

The Chair confirmed that, in future, all performance reports would include a scorecard. Covering reports would be used to provide a commentary on any areas of Red or Amber performance and to describe the measures being taken to address concerns about performance.

It was anticipated that performance against NI 158 (Decent Homes) would improve during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter following the start of Homes for Haringey's Decent Homes programme in April 2008.

In response to a query, the Board was advised that measures were being taken to bring vacant private sector homes back into use.

The Board discussed the numbers of people living in temporary accommodation and the progress made in reducing these. In response to a query, the Board was advised that a small proportion of those were accommodated outside the Borough. However, the majority were found accommodation in the Borough. There were also a significant number of people who opted to enter the private rented sector.

There was agreement that it would be useful if the Board were to receive a detailed analysis of statistics relating to temporary accommodation.

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The Board was advised that the Council's Housing Improvement Board met on a weekly basis and was chaired by the Council's Chief Executive. At this meeting progress was reported and detailed statistical information was reviewed. This information would be made available to the Board.

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#### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That the report be noted.
- ii. That a report setting out detailed information in relation to the numbers of people in temporary accommodation be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

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# LC75. REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS AND THE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The Board received a comprehensive presentation, by the Vice-Chair Jo Murphy, on the contribution that Registered Social Landlords made towards the achievement of the targets set out in the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

The presentation highlighted the diversity of the RSLs and the contribution they made to building stronger, safer communities, improving the health and well-being of people, tackling exclusion and promoting equality, improving economic vitality and prosperity, sustaining the environment and providing added value.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the presentation be noted.

# LC76. OPTIONS FOR RING FENCING SUPPORTING PEOPLE FUND

The Board received a detailed verbal update, from the Council's Head of Housing Needs and Strategy, on the options for ring fencing the Supporting People funding.

The Board was reminded that, at the previous meeting, concern had been expressed that funding, which was currently allocated to Supporting People projects, would be subsumed into the Area Based Grant during the next financial year.

Since that meeting a piece of work had been carried out, which estimated that 46% of the Supporting People funding was currently being spent on homelessness-related projects and that this was likely to be added to the ABG. It was noted that similar concerns had been raised by other Authorities and that these were being considered by the Government at present.

The Supporting People Board had met on 14 October 2008 and had considered this issue and as a result had requested that a steer be sought from the IHB in order to inform discussion at its next meeting in November 2008.

The Board was advised that a number of grants had been subsumed by the ABG, including the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. The Government had indicated that further grants would be included within the ABG in 2009/10. Unlike previous funding arrangements, there was no provision for ring fencing parts of the ABG and the allocation of this was up to the Council in its role as the accountable body for the Partnership.

There was agreement that the role played by Supporting People projects in achieving the Board's objectives and LAA targets should be stressed to the HSP and that it should be asked to support the ring fencing of the homelessness-related Supporting People funding.

It was noted that, if funding from the Supporting People budget was subsumed into the ABG, it would have an impact upon the support available for children and young people's services in the Borough.

It was requested that the Board should receive a further update in relation to this at its next meeting.

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# **RESOLVED:**

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- i. That the verbal update be noted.
- ii. That an update should be provided at the Board's next meeting.

# LC77. DEVELOPMENT OF HARINGEY'S HOUSING STRATEGY

The Board received a report on the proposed development of Haringey's new Housing Strategy. It was noted that the revised Housing Strategy would play a key role in harnessing partners' efforts to achieve the priorities contained within the Community Strategy and the LAA.

It was proposed that the Integrated Housing Board, in conjunction with the Housing Improvement Board, should take the strategic lead in the development of the Strategy. Implementation of the Strategy would be co-ordinated by officers from the Urban Environment Directorate.

The Board discussed how community engagement could be facilitated and noted that this was particularly relevant to design issues. It was noted that, as part of the consultation process in relation to a recent review of planning documents, there had been community engagement and the views sought as part of this would be reflected in the Strategy.

It was noted that the Housing Strategy would form the overarching document, under which other strategies would sit. These would set out in detail the approach and actions that were intended to be taken in specific areas.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i. That the Housing Strategy be developed as a Partnership Strategy.
- ii. That the HSP be recommended to adopt the Housing Strategy.
- iii. That the proposed process and timetable for developing the Strategy be approved.

# LC78. CONSULTATIVE FRAMEWORK

The Board received a report that set out proposals in relation to the establishment of a framework for dialogue and consultation between the Board and key housing stakeholders in the Borough.

It was intended that, if adopted, the framework would be used as part of the consultation process in relation to the new Housing Strategy.

The framework would provide three Stakeholder Forums:

Landlords Forum

	<ul><li>RSL/Developer Forum</li><li>Advice Agencies Forum</li></ul>	
	Concern was raised that tenants living on estates were often not engaged in consultation processes and it was suggested that the process for consultation set out in the Haringey Compact should be promoted as an example of good practice.	
	The Board was advised that Homes for Haringey was currently carrying out a door to survey of local residents and that this approach had been successful in engaging residents. The information gathered as part of this could be shared with Partners if this would be helpful.	PB/PH
	Members of the Board were asked to forward any queries or comments in relation to the Consultative Framework to Chris Wood, Strategic and Community Housing Services:	All to note
	chris.wood@haringey.gov.uk	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the approach, development and implementation of the consultative framework, as outlined in the report, be endorsed.	
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The meeting closed at 8.20pm.