

**Date:** 26 November 2009

**Meeting:** Integrated Housing Board

**Report Title:** Housing Association Partnership Agreement

**Report of:** Paul Dowling, Principal Housing Strategy Officer

**Purpose**

To recommend adoption of the new partnership and associated protocol.  
To advise the IHB of changes to the document following consultation.

**Legal/Financial Implications**

None identified.

**Recommendations**

That the IHB sign off the revised Partnership Protocol.

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**Background**

The recommendation to create a new partnership structure comprising all Registered Providers willing to commit to a revised partnership protocol was agreed by the IHB on 23 March 2009.

A draft protocol was drawn up in consultation with Members and Council departments and subsequently circulated to Registered Providers for comment.

The draft protocol was sent to 37 Housing Associations with stock or management responsibilities in Haringey and subsequently 8 consultation responses were received from the following providers:

- Newlon
- Shian Housing Association
- Arhag Housing Association

- Innisfree Housing Association
- Circle 33 Housing Trust
- Family Mosaic
- Metropolitan Housing Trust
- Servite Houses

At the previous Integrated Housing Board meeting (21 September 2009) it was agreed that the document should be revised in light of the consultation comments and resubmitted to the Housing Associations for a second stage of consultation.

### **Changes to the agreement following 1<sup>st</sup> stage consultation**

References to 'RSLs' have been changed to 'Housing Associations.'

The nomination quota for subsequent 'true-void' lets has been reduced from 90% to 75%.

A commitment to share information on nominations has been made by the Council. The agreement will be taken to the Housing Association (Lettings) Liaison meeting on 26 November to discuss information requirements. The results of this discussion will be presented verbally to the IHB.

Exceeding the Haringey set standard for Building for Life (12) where possible subject to scheme viability rather than a requirement.

A commitment by the Council to work with Housing Associations to identify opportunities for training on safeguarding. Opportunities are currently being discussed and so further details beyond the commitment cannot be included at this stage.

Web-links have been added as endnotes to the document.

### **Second stage consultation**

At the time of writing a period of second stage consultation is underway. Feedback and resulting proposed changes to the document will be reported to IHB verbally on 26 November 2009.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A: Draft Partnership Agreement for Housing Associations