

Strategic and Community Housing Service: Forums and Options for working with Stakeholders and Service Users

HSP Forums

A range of forums for consultation sit within the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) structure. These are:

Housing Association Forum.

This brings together housing associations (RSLs) that operate within the borough with other housing providers such as Homes for Haringey with appropriate Council staff.

Meeting 4 times a year the group has agreed to change its name to the 'Haringey Housing Group'.

Development Sub group.

This brings together the RSLs who are developing new homes in the borough. It also involves Black and Minority Ethnic RSLs who may be working with an association that develops new homes.

It meets quarterly and looks at the development programme and specific schemes.

Lettings sub group.

This brings together policy, lettings and allocations staff with key allocations managers from RSLs.

It meets quarterly and looks at policy development and the operation of Choice Based Lettings and other allocation policy issues.

There are a range of other forums that bring together stakeholders and the Council. These are:

Other Forums

Housing Benefit Liaison Group.

This brings together Housing Benefit staff from the Finance Department with RSL staff to deal with problems relating to the Housing Benefit Service.

Homelessness Forum.

This brings together providers of homelessness services, with RSLs and Council staff from housing and social services.

Single Homelessness Forum.

This brings together providers of specialist homelessness services for single people with RSLs and Council staff from housing and social services.

New Forums

New Service User Forum.

This forum is being established to bring together housing service customers from across the Strategic and Community housing service. This includes those who apply for housing through Home Connections and homeless households being dealt with by the Prevention and Options Service. It also includes households who are in Temporary Accommodation.

The inaugural meeting is being held in October 2007

Private Landlords Forum

This was launched on the 17 September and will meet 4 times a year.

Homes for Haringey Forums

Homes for Haringey offer council tenants a range of consultation options. The Strategic and Community Service attends some of these to ensure consultation on key policy and strategy matters.

The Lettings Policy was presented to the Resident Consultative Forum. This meets 4 times a year.

The proposals for a new Housing Strategy are being considered by the Disabled Persons Forum at their meetings.

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