

Northwards Housing Panel Meeting Minutes

Panel:Riverways

Date: 17th October 2007

4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Carrioca Business Centre, Sawley Road

Chair: Vera Salvatore

Item	Description	Action
1.	Welcome & Introductions Confirm Quorate. 1.1 Chair Welcomed all Attendees at meeting. Meeting was quorate.	
2.	Apologies for Absences 2.1 Kath Hope, Alice Needham.	
3.	Declaration of Interests/Confidential Matters 3.1 None	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting 19 Sept 2007 4.1 Agreed	
5.	Matters Arising 5.1 None	
6.	Allocations Policy Review 6.1 AD gave a presentation and distributed handouts to the Panel covering the Allocations Policy Review. AD spoke about the Review and gave a background of why the Review had been established. AD gave details of the Review and discussed the different groups such as; community connections, emergency housing and housing need. AD concluded by explaining the changes that have come about because of the Review and what will happen in the future. MB asked about the different age bands for certain properties and if this would also be reviewed. AD clarified that they would be reviewed and that Northwards are in consultation	

	with local people. JH also pointed out that before age group restrictions can be changed it would have to be in consultation with tenants, councillors and council chief executive.	
1.	<p>Environmental Works (Paul Maidment)</p> <p>7.1 PM explained how the Environmental Schemes are carried out and pointed out that there are some that are prioritised. PM highlighted the progress of 3 schemes underway at the moment (Amos Ave, Assheton Road and Daisy Bank). JH queried about whether there would be any change to costings. PM clarified that if this was the case then it would go back to the Panel.</p> <p>7.2 PM mentioned other schemes underway (Orford Road, Culcheth Lane, Queensferry and Shiredale). JH pointed out that there were still some unfinished schemes from 2005/2006 and asked when they would be completed. PM explained that all Residents would receive a letter. LP suggested that PM brings a written report to the Panel to inform what has been done/not done and when it is anticipated to be completed.</p> <p>7.3 PM asked that the Environmental Works report to the Panel should go through himself and not the PLSM. This was agreed.</p> <p>7.4 RD informed the Panel that the Moston Pub Estate Play Area should be completed by Christmas 2007.</p>	<p>PM PM</p> <p>DR</p>
2.	<p>LSM Update (Rob Doherty)</p> <p>8.1 RD distributed the LSM report, this covered ASB and voids. SA queried if secured ASBO's will be publicised. RD clarified that they would be. JH asked that the report should be more specific in future as to how many properties had be accepted and properties that hadn't.</p>	
9.	<p>Community Update (Sharon McBride)</p> <p>9.1 SM distributed the Community Report and explained that if anyone would like to discuss any of the contents or would like more information to contact her. The report covered; a new Residents Association had been set up, "Walderton Road RA", Recent conferences/events attended, Review of Training for T&RA groups and forthcoming events.</p>	
10.	<p>Skills Audit Update (Diane Roberts)</p> <p>10.1 DR explained that 17 questionnaires were returned. The feedback concluded that there are 8 training areas that need</p>	

	to be developed. It was agreed that this would be included in the working group review of the action plan.	
11.	<p>Repairs Quarterly Update (Sue Sanderson)</p> <p>11.1 SS referred the Panel to the report within the agenda. SS explained the contents explaining the update on the trial conducted in the Wilton area for Early Evening, Weekday and Saturday appointments. The extended trial is to be publicised in the Northwards Natter.</p>	
12.	<p>Major Works Quarterly Update</p> <p>12.1 PM referred the Panel to the Report enclosed in the agenda. The Panel had no comments.</p>	
13.	<p>Any Other Buisness Observer Requests (Confidential)</p> <p>13.1 A reminder that the Panel Christmas Party will be Thursday 13th December 2007.</p> <p>13.2 MB explained that as she is no longer a member of the Northwards Board, that she will no longer able to attend the Panel meetings. She thanked everyone for their support.</p>	
14.	<p>Date and Time of next meeting</p> <p>14.1 Wednesday 21 November 2007 at 4.00pm</p>	
	Meeting closed at 6.05pm	