

## Riverways Area Panel

**Date: 18 March 2009**

**Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm**

**Venue: Carrioca Community Centre**

**Chair: Kath Hope**

**Present:**

Kath Hope (KH)	Panel Membe
Alice Needham (AN)	Panel Member
Fred Steadhman (FS)	Panel Member
Barbara Grey (BG)	Panel Member
Rose McCarton (RM)	Panel Member
Anne McBride (AM)	Panel Member
Pat Glazebrook (PG)	Panel Member
Edith Webster (EW)	Panel Co-optee
Larry Patrick (LP)	Director of Property Services
Emma Foster (EF)	Head of Neighbourhood Services (Riverways)
Rob Doherty (RD)	Local Services Manager
Dave Collier (DC)	Repairs Service Manager
Paul Blackmore (PB)	Home Improvements Service Manager
Diane Roberts (DR )	Governance Support Manager (minutes)

Neighbourhood Wardens (part)  
Tony Dalton (TD)  
Donna Shaw (DS)  
Kevin Rolfe (KR)

Jim Duffy, Wates Living Space (part)

Start of meeting: 4.00 pm

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1a	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> KH welcomed all attendees	
1b	<b>Confirm Quorate</b> Meeting was quorate	
1c	<b>Meeting Rules</b> KH reminded the Panel about meeting rules.	
2	<b>Apolgoies for Absence</b> Paul Maidment and Matt Jarrett	
3	<b>Declarations of Interests/Confidential Matters</b> No declarations of interest. Item 4b was confidential	



	<p>KH looked forward to seeing the Wardens and wished them well.</p> <p>RM asked about dog wardens. TD said if there was a particular problem if this is reported to wardens they would witness the problem and deal with it.</p> <p>KH noted that the Junior Wardens scheme is fantastic and is the right age to involve children. TD said this was basis stuff about respect and is starting to break down barriers in communities.</p>	
7	<p><b>Business and Delivery Plan Update</b></p> <p>LP reported that Steve Wood had incorporated the priorities identified in the plan for Board consideration. A draft plan looking at the 6 key headings would be presented to the next meeting. This would be in the form of “You said / We’ve done”.</p>	
8	<p><b>Repairs Update</b></p> <p>DC would be available to take individual questions after the meeting. There was no report this month.</p> <p>KH raised concern that there are still some issue with the service.</p>	
9	<p><b>Major Works</b></p> <p>PB updated the panel on changes to the contract for installing kitchens and bathrooms. Wates had won he contract to complete the works. A saving of £500,000 has been made.</p> <p>KH asked if there were plans to follow up works to replace the kitchen/bathroom choice. PB reported there was nothing in the pipeline. KH also asked if there was a replacement door programme. LP explained this was not part of the promise. KH had been told by a Councillor that they would be on a future programme. LP explained that £400,000 had been released from MCC to install new doors where there was a security risk (2xG and Z doors. This was a change of policy for Northwards after Queensferry improvements. PB to visit Queensferry.</p> <p>FS said that he had received a letter in the past that bathrooms/kitchens would be followed up 1 year later but did not have a copy of the letter. RM has also experienced this confusion. LP said he gets many questions about this, but due to limited funding Northwards can not do both.</p> <p>AM asked about Winston Road kitchen and bathrooms. KH asked AM to speak to PB after the meeting.</p> <p>Jim Duffy from Wates Living Space gave the panel an update on schemes. The work is mainly in Newton Heath and some in Harpurhey. They will be contacting Tenant Associations in the area.</p> <p>PB reported that the window design has now been approved for Victoria Square.</p> <p>AN asked about Anita Street windows. PB reported the plans</p>	PB

	have been approved and the windows were being manufactured due to be installed in May.	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Environmental Works Update 2008</b></p> <p>PB highlighted the key issues Kingsbridge Play Area – EF reported that there is no residents group so consultation progress has been slow.</p> <p>Troydale Play Area – The panel has agreed £15,000 further funding. Awaiting for Leisure to confirm their responsibility for maintenance of the scheme. There is Councillor and tenant support for the scheme.</p> <p>Anita Street – This is awaiting approval from Leaseholders for their contribution.</p> <p>There is £33,000 still available from 06/09 budgets which gives a total budget of £440,593 to 2011.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Environmental Works Programme 2009</b></p> <p>The panel discussed the schemes presented. PB asked the panel if there were priorities for schemes approved. EF is awaiting minutes of a Special Panel Meeting. The panel approved all schemes. These would be recommended to Asset Management Sub-Committee on 1 April 2009. The panel would agree priorities at the next meeting. Provision would be made on the agenda for discussion. Panel members were asked to bring their packs to the meeting. It was agreed that signs could be started. PB reported that a late proposal had been requested – Assheton rear walls. EF asked if the panel wished to consider this, schemes identified to date are over budget. Also when prioritising schemes some may not be funded. It was agreed unanimously that the scheme was too late for consideration but if funds are available it would be reviewed.</p>	DR/Panel
<b>12</b>	<p><b>LSM Update</b></p> <p>RD circulated the report. RM raised concern about the level of work needed to be done prior to cases being considered in court. EF explained this was necessary to secure outcomes. It was noted that voids are still low.</p>	
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Community Update and Governance</b></p>	
<b>13a</b>	<p><b>Area Panel Work Programme</b></p> <p>The panel agreed the work programme. There may be a clash of date on 13 July with Harpurhey Community Pride. It was suggested that Northwards Natter include adverts for Area Panel Members. DR reported that there was a page for Resident</p>	

	Involvement. The Spring edition features the forums. Future editions will include recruitment.	
<b>13b</b>	<b>Revolve</b> Noted	
<b>13c</b>	<b>Observers</b> There were no requests to observe	
<b>13d</b>	<b>Events 09 Update</b> DR updated the panel. The first event was FaD (food and drink) festival on 28 May at Abraham Moss. DR asked for volunteers to come to the event to promote the Area Panels.	
<b>13e</b>	<b>Resident Involvement Agreement Review Update</b> DR reported that this was underway and due to complete at the end of April.	
<b>13f</b>	<b>Constitution and Action Plan Update</b> DR reported that this was progressing.	
<b>13g</b>	<b>National and Northwards Conversation</b> DR reported that questionnaires have been forwarded to TSA.	
<b>14</b>	<b>Any other business</b> AM asked about gas cooker charges. EF explained that MCC set the level of gas charges across the city and this is subsidised by MCC. AM asked if individual meters could be installed. EF reported this had been investigated and would cost £14,000 per 4 block to install and Northwards had no money to do this work.	
<b>15</b>	<b>Date and Time of next meetings</b>	
<b>15a</b>	Area Panel Meeting 22 April 2009 – 4pm-6pm. Questions to officers from 3.30pm	
<b>15b</b>	Regeneration Tour Saturday 2 May 2009	