

WHEATLEY HOMES EAST BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday 12 January 2023
Time: 4.30pm
Venue: Wheatley House, 25 Cochrane Street Glasgow

Chairperson: Alastair Murray

Present: Helen Howden (Vice Chair), Mark Keane, Bryan Pitbladdo, Jack Cadell, Jane Menzies, Anne McGovern, Judith McGlashan.

In Attendance: Hazel Young, Group Director of Housing and Property
Stephen Wright, Director of Governance
Laura Henderson, Managing Director

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received. The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Board noted the standing declarations of interest. No new declarations of interest were made.

3. 2023 rent setting – tenant feedback and next steps

The Board received a report on the feedback from our extensive tenant engagement on our 2023 rent setting proposals, an update on the wider sector position in terms of consulting tenants on their rent increases. Approval was sought on the 2023/24 rent increases and the next steps, process and timeline for consulting our tenants.

The Board carefully considered the report and noted that our engagement on the 2023 rent setting proposals had given us a very strong sense of tenants' views on our rent setting proposals and priorities more widely with over 450 customers involved in interviews and focus groups.

The Board considered the outcome of the initial consultation (which had been independently facilitated by BMG) and was satisfied this was reflected in the consultation documents. In particular, the Board noted that the engagement had identified that a majority of those tenants involved were in favour of a rent increase to preserve services and investment as much as possible and did not support a rent freeze.

The Board considered the proposed consultation timeline and noted that while it was shorter than we would usually provide, it still provided a reasonable window for tenants to respond.

Decided: The Board

- 1) **Approved the options for consultation as set out in paragraph 4.23 of the report.**
- 2) **Approved the keys steps and timeline for consultation with tenants as set out in paragraph 4.24 of the report.**

4. AOCB

There was no further business considered.

Signed
(Chair)