

# Minutes



<b>Meeting Name:</b>	<b>Leeds Housing Board</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Time:</b> 13.00-14.30
<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Teams	
<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr Mohammed Rafique (MR)	
<b>Members Present:</b>	Cllr Mary Harland (MH), Cllr Kayleigh Brooks (KB), Cllr Sharon Hamilton (SH), Cllr Barry Anderson (BA)	
<b>Attendees Present:</b>	James Rogers, Director of Communities, Housing and Environment (JR), Gerard Tinsdale, Chief Officer, Housing (GT), Mandy Sawyer, Head of Housing & Neighbourhood Services (MS), Simon Baker, Policy Officer (Housing) (SB)	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Sandy Lay (SL)	

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Item	
<b>1</b>	<b>Introductions and apologies</b>
1.1	Cllr Rafique welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies.
<b>2</b>	<b>Leeds Housing Board - name change and new Terms of Reference</b>
	SB presented the proposals to constitute the new Board and outlined the proposed Terms of Reference. The Board were in agreement with the proposed terms of reference. BA queried how Elected Member membership would be determined if opposition parties had equal member numbers – it was agreed that in the event that this should happen that it would be guided by Corporate Governance.
<b>3</b>	<b>Proposed work programme</b>
3.1	MS outlined the proposed work programme for 2023/24, incorporating both the operational and strategic meetings. The Board approved the forward plan.
<b>4</b>	<b>New Regulatory Regime – verbal update from the Policy Officer (Housing)</b>
4.1	SB briefed the Board on the regulatory changes that are underway, specifically the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill that is before Parliament and its implications and the Tenant Satisfaction Measures. SH asked about the inspection regime for Housing Associations with under 1000 properties.

	<p><b>Action – SB – feedback to the next Board meeting on the inspection regime for HAs with under 1000 properties</b>          MH requested that the slide deck be shared with members.  <b>Action – SB to share the slide deck with members</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5.1</p>	<p><b>Tenant engagement work update</b></p> <p>MS brought members up to date with Housing Leeds’ work on tenant engagement, in particular outlining the new Tenant Voice Panel. She also briefed members on wider engagement work through, for example, the Housing Advisory Panels, the Tenant Scrutiny Board and Your Voice Leeds. SH stressed the importance of the panel being representative of communities and asked if the service is profiling the equality groups of members. BA queried the number of vacancies on HAPs and what action is being taken to attract new recruits as ONW HAP has found it difficult to recruit. SH confirmed that there are similar issues in INE.</p> <p><b>Action – MS to provide details of HAP vacancies and equality make up of new Tenant Voice Panel at the next Board meeting</b></p>

**Next Meeting**

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 **Time:** 15:00 – 16:30

**Location:** Microsoft Teams