

SADDLEWORTH & LEES LOCAL BOARD

Wednesday 29 October 2008 at 5.30 pm
Springhead Community Centre – Room 1, Ashes Lane (off Station Street), Springhead OL4 4PF

Members Present:

Brian Lord (Chair); Val Sedgewick; Mike Buckley; Heather Rushton;

FCHO Officers Present:

Joanne Bentley; Joanne Griffin, Hellal Choudhury (Minute taker)

Meeting Convened At:

Bryan Lord took the Chair and convened the meeting at **5.35pm**

| Item Number/Title | Item 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair |
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| Purpose | To elect a Chair and Vice Chair of Saddleworth & Lees Local Board |
| Recommendations | N/A |
| Relevant Debate | <p><u>Chair</u> Brian Lord was nominated by Val Sedgewick and seconded by Heather Rushton</p> <p><u>Vice Chair</u> Heather Rushton was nominated by Val Sedgewick, seconded by Brian Lord.</p> <p>Brian Lord then took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.</p> |
| Resolution | Members resolved that Brian Lord be appointed Chair and Heather Rushton be appointed Vice Chair. |

Item 2 Welcome, Introduction & Apologies:

Apologies had been received from Winifred Dillon and Jan Wade

Members Absent:

None

Item 3 Declaration of Interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

Item 4 Items of Urgent Business:

Joanne Bentley informed members that Stuart Littleford has resigned from the local and the main board due to personal reasons. Joanne also mentioned the lack of attendance from tenant member, Carol Wilde.

It was agreed that Joanne Bentley would contact Carol Wilde regarding her non-attendance at local board meetings. It was also agreed that Heather Rushton would be the new representative at the Main Board.

The Chair asked members to look for suitable independent members.

| Item No / Title | Item 5 Approval of Minutes and Recommendations from last meeting held on 17 September 2008 and Matters Arising |
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| Purpose | To approve the minutes and recommendations from the last meeting held on 17 September 2008 and discuss matters arising. |
| Recommendations | To Board is recommended to note the contents of the minutes and recommendations. |
| Relevant Debate | |
| Resolution | The board approved the minutes. |

Item 6 – Public Questions

There were no public questions.

| Item No / Title | Item 7. Respect Agenda – Quarterly Update |
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| Purpose | To update the Board on progress made around the Respect Agenda. |
| Recommendations | Board Members note the contents of the report and offer their continued support to the Respect Standard for Housing Management. |
| Relevant Debate | <p>Brian Lord asked about liaison with police agencies in the area. Joanne Bentley confirmed that the East Oldham Team have a good relationship with the police especially the Housing Officers who have good links with the Police Community Support Officers.</p> <p>Mike Buckley asked how the figures compare nationally. Joanne Griffin confirmed there are no benchmarked figures nationally and the figures are broadly the same for the rest of the borough.</p> <p>Joanne Griffin continued to inform members about the three pilot-schemes working towards an Encams Kitemark. The results of the assessment for East Oldham’s project at Higginshaw will be known by the end of the week. There are currently no plans to develop the Encams framework in Saddleworth & Lees because of the geographical size of the area and lack of resident involvement in the area.</p> <p>Mike Buckley asked what was the cost of dealing with an Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) case. Joanne Griffin stated that this issue is being explored currently.</p> <p>Mike Buckley asked how the Respect Our Community Awards (ROCA) scheme is publicised. Joanne Griffin stated that the ROCA scheme has been presented to Main and Local Board meetings and various tenant group meetings. There has also been positive publicity in the</p> |

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| | local media and at area committees. In December 2008 FCHO are arranging a launch event with partners who have contributed to celebrate the success of the scheme and to explore future contributors to the scheme for 2009/10. |
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| Item No / Title | Item 8. Communications & Marketing |
| Purpose | To report back to Board Members on the comments of Local Boards regarding the Communication & Marketing approach and to advise on the next steps. |
| Recommendations | Board Members are asked to note the summary of all Local Boards' comments regarding the Communication & Marketing approach by FCHO and to note the next steps officers will take. |
| Relevant Debate | N/A |
| Resolution | The report was noted by the board |

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| Item No / Title | Item 9. Performance Report – Quarterly Update including repairs |
| Purpose | To update members on the quarterly performance figures. |
| Recommendations | The Board is recommended to note the contents of the report. |
| Relevant Debate | <p>Joanne Bentley presented the 2nd Quarter Performance Report including rents, ASB, ATS and Allocations.</p> <p>Joanne Bentley commented that rents statistics were very good but there are some issues with regard to repairs. She stated that a repairs manager was invited to this meeting to discuss the report and did not know why no-one was available to answer questions. Joanne Bentley would chase this up with repairs service and arrange for this item to be rescheduled on the next agenda.</p> <p>Mike Buckley asked for feedback from the Repairs Team following complaints received that operatives don't have the right tools/equipment on their vans to carry out repairs.</p> <p>Heather Rushton stated that tenants are not given convenient times for appointments for repair jobs.</p> |
| Resolution | To approve the report and request a repairs manager to attend the next meeting. |

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| Item No / Title | Item 10. Items for future meetings and forward planning timetable. |
| Purpose | Board members are invited to suggest possible items for future meetings. |
| Recommendations | The Boards is recommended to note and discuss the contents of the forward planning timetable and suggest possible items for future meetings. |
| Relevant Debate | <p>The following issues to be discussed at future meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairs • Attendance Report |

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| Resolution | To consider the above issues for future meetings. |

| Item No / Title | Item 11. Any Other Business |
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| Purpose | To discuss any other items of business. |
| Recommendations | N/A |
| Relevant Debate | <p>Brian Lord informed the board that the Housing Options Panel has recommended a stock transfer and that FCHO would be set up as the Registered Social Landlord. However, this will have to be agreed by the Council on 10th December 2008.</p> <p>Joanne Bentley informed members that Jan Wade is leaving her post as Tenant Participation Officer on the 7 November 2008.</p> |
| Resolution | |

Item 12 - Next Meeting Date:

Thursday 3 December 2008 at 5.30pm

Venue: Denshaw Village Hall, Ripponden Road, Denshaw, Oldham OL3 5SJ

Meeting Closed At:

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.45 pm

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