

FIRST CHOICE HOMES OLDHAM

SADDLEWORTH & LEES LOCAL BOARD

Summary of meeting held on 14th December 2005

Present:

Mrs Jean Bradley, Tenant Board Member Chair; Councillor Val Sedgewick; Mr Bill Hullah, Tenant Board Member; Mrs Edith Bentley, Tenant Board Member;.

Apologies:

Councillor Brian Lord; Councillor John Hudson; Mrs Winifred Dillon, Independent Board Member.

Mrs Jean Bradley therefore took the Chair.

In Attendance:

Gary Walsh – Board Liaison Officer; Paul Newcombe – Interim Caretaking Services Manager; Lyn Phillips – Minute Taker.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of 2nd November 2005 were passed as a true and accurate record.

REVIEW OF CARETAKING SERVICE

Paul Newcombe introduced a report on proposed changes to the Caretaking Service. Board Members accepted the report with only minor concerns about window cleaning and how the new caretaking supervisors could be contacted. Paul explained that window cleaning should be much improved following the re-tendering out of the service and supervisors would now be available via the local housing offices.

LOCAL BOARD AWAY DAY

This item was deferred to the next meeting in view of the absence of the chair and other board members.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS BY PROXY

Gary presented a report by Sue Walker, which proposed a new procedure, which will allow customers to forward questions to local boards by proxy. The board agreed to consider the report and feedback any concerns to Gary so that he could forward them on before the report is presented to Change Management Committee in January.

PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

The board discussed the various performance indicators in the contract and expressed concern about the unavailability of some information for the first and second quarter. Gary explained the difficulties that research section had with collating the information from a myriad of sources and suggested that the board might want to consider revising and reducing what information they really need for next years contract in order that the information could be more easily collated, presented and understood by all concerned.

PFI UPDATE

The board requested that Alan Cadick or a representative from housing strategy attend the next board meeting to give an update on the progress of the PFI project.