

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**HOUSING MANAGEMENT PANEL: NORTH AREA**

**7.00pm 5 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**THE HOUSING CENTRE**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Theresa Fowler, Kate Knight, Lee Wares.

**Representatives:** Jenny Simmonds (Coldean Independent Vice Chair), Heather Hayes (Coldean Chair of Independent Group), Desmond Jones (Chairman Hollingdean R.A.), Peter Connor (Bates Area Rep), Terrence Hill (Bates Estate TRA Chair), Andrew Hunter (East Moulsecoomb Resident), Jane Hunter (Chair/secretary E.M.T.R.A North Area Panel Rep).

**Officers:** Martin Reid (Assistant Director of Housing), Sam Warren (Community Engagement Officer), Glyn Huelin (Head of Housing Repairs & Improvement), Simon Bannister (BHCC Community Engagement Officer), Ododo Dafe (Head of Income, Improvement, Customer Service, Housing Strategy & Housing Supply), Hannah Barker (Community Engagement Officer), Debbie Corbridge (Integrated Team for Families Manager).

**16 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

**17 APOLOGIES**

**18 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

18.1 There were no Chair's Comms.

**19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**20 RESIDENTS QUESTION TIME**

20.1 Item 1 – Field Officers.

20.2 **AGREED** – that the response was satisfactory.

**21 YOUTH SERVICE PAPERS**

21.1 2 Officers gave a brief overview of the Youth Service. The following was stated:

- It was stated that HRA contributed to a percentage of the overall fund due to many services being relevant to old and young residents.
- £125,000 was being requested for a 6-month extension.
- An officer outlined the objectives and aims of the Hangleton & Knoll Project.

21.2 Members of the youth groups attended the panel and gave testimony to their experience and perspective. The following was stated:

- There were various opportunities provided for young people.
- Examples were provided regarding the various activities that were enjoyed.
- Young people were willing to meet other groups in different wards.

21.3 Residents had the following enquiries, statements and concerns:

- A resident enquired as to the lack of other 3<sup>rd</sup> sector voluntary groups.
- It was enquired if the group required a subscription.
- It was enquired if there were any works taking place in Hollingdean.
- An opportunity to link in with the residential association was offered.
- A further offer for the group to attend a resident group meeting for the possible acquisition of funding for other programs through the Healthy Neighbourhood Fund was made.
- Residents enquired of the number of people who attended the Coldean Youth Group and if there was room for more.

21.4 Councillor Wares proposed that some young people become ambassadors for Youth Groups.

21.5 Officers responded to residents' statements, concerns and enquiries with the following:

- The proposal of youth ambassadors would be looked at.
- Nothing had yet been set in Hollingdean yet though there were possible projects were being considered.
- The positive aspect of engaging with residents with regard to consultation for funding in future was considered.
- It was stated that a buddy scheme also be considered.
- A basic financial breakdown till 2021 was given.

21.6 **AGREED** – that the report be noted.

## **22 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

## **23 Q1 PERFORMANCE REPORT UPDATE**

22.1 An officer gave a brief overview of the Performance report. It was stated that there were some areas of concern in regards to empty properties and the removal of bulk rubbish. It was stated that the initial page had 9/39 areas that were underperforming however there were several other indicators that highlighted improvement. It was further stated that performance had improved generally over the last quarter.

22.2 Councillor Wares stated noted the difficulty in disseminating all the data provided and suggested panel members take this away and provide questions at the next North Area Panel.

22.3 A resident noted that it wasn't just Council tenants with untidy gardens, it was stated that tenants of HMOs and students were also a part of the problem.

22.4 An officer stated they were happy for members of the panel to bring questions to the next meeting. It was further stated that Field officers worked across Brighton and

confirmed that improvement, as indicated in the report, was due to Field Officers and the Untidy Gardens Project.

22.5 **AGREED** – that the report be noted.

**24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of