

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING MANAGEMENT PANEL: WEST HOVE & PORTSLADE AREA

6.00pm 18 JUNE 2025

MINUTES

Attendees:

Councillors: Nann, Guilmant, Cattell, Hewitt

Residents: Malcom Campbell (Chair), Anne Tizzard, Alex Matthews, Helen, Mary

Officers: Justine Harris, Rob Keelan, Grant Ritchie, Mikila Beck, Geof Gage, Francis Mitchell

1 ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR CO-CHAIR

- 1.1 Councillor Nann was elected as Councillor Co-Chair.

2 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Pat Weller, Barry Winchester, Alison Gray, Joe McRae, and Sam Nolan as well as Councillors Muten and Miller.

3 MINUTES AND ACTIONS

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct record.

WA1 – Ongoing – Democratic Services to publish details of Housing Surgeries to front sheet of agenda papers.

WA7 – Ongoing – Residents to be invited to future estate walkabouts.

4 HOUSING PERFORMANCE REPORT ANNUAL ROUNDUP 2024/25

- 4.1 The report on this item was delivered by Martin Reid.
- 4.2 There were no questions or comments.

5 HEALTH & SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE UPDATE

- 5.1 The report on this item was delivered by Martin Reid.
- 5.2 Helen was informed that there were plans to replace infill panels at the rear staircase of their estate.

5.3 Grant Ritchie stated that fire safety work would soon be starting at Nettleton Court and Dudeney Lodge, and that once this was completed works would be carried out at Conway and Livingston Court.

5.4 Grant Ritchie stated that the Council was in consultation with Southern Water regarding low water pressure at Clarendon House.

5.5 Mikila Beck suggested requesting that Southern Water increases water pressure further.

ACTION – Martin Reid / Mikila Beck to follow up with Southern Water regarding low-water pressure in tower blocks in the area.

5.6 Grant Ritchie shared copies of the updated smoke detection policy with the panel.

6 RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY - HIGH RISE

6.1 Geof Gage delivered the report for this item.

6.2 There were no questions or comments.

7 BREAK

8 RESIDENT QUESTIONS 2 AND 3 STAR

8.1 The Chair read through each question and its response in turn and invited questions and comments from attendees.

W2.2 – Clarendon and Ellen Estate

8.2 Anne Tizzard stated that there was no estate in the West Area where residents were not concerned about litter, graffiti, or ASB.

8.3 Helen questioned why there were not more parks and gardens officers, stating that without them estates were becoming untidy.

8.4 Mary stated that the issue of untidiness and overgrowth was also prevalent in Portslade and Mile Oak.

8.5 Rob Keelan stated that new Neighbourhood Officers had recently received training with the Cityparks manager. Rob Keelan also stated that tenant representatives are able to request to meet the Cityparks team leader on-site.

W2.4 – Plans for re-development around Hove Station.

8.6 Helen questioned which land on Conway Court belonged to the Council.

ACTION – Martin Reid to clarify which land had been sold to Joint Venture in the Sackville Road / Conway Court area and which land belongs to the Council.

W3.2 – Controlling Dog Waste

- 8.7 Helen stated that some dog-waste bins had been moved, suggesting this as a cause of increased dog-waste. Helen suggested that dog-waste bins are emptied more frequently rather than removed entirely.

**9 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN STATUS BETWEEN FULLY CONSTITUTED
TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS AND AN INFORMAL GROUP?**

- 9.1 This item was not heard as Sam Warren was not present.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Grant Ritchie shared that this meeting would be his final Area Panel as he was retiring.

- 10.2 Cllr Hewitt stated that it was tenants' responsibility to maintain their gardens.

11 EDB AREA PANEL REPORT MAY 25

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

