

Tenant Participation Strategy: Structure for Tenants' and Residents' Groups

LOCAL TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' GROUPS

Comprises: local tenants and residents within a specified area.

Meetings: Monthly

Role:

As specified in the group's constitution, usually to 'promote and protect the interests of tenants and residents.....in matters concerning the environment, housing, and the social and community life of the area.'



AREA COMMITTEES (x3)

Comprises: 2 voting representatives (should be tenants) from each official Local Tenants' and Residents' Group in the area covered by the Area Committee

Meetings: Monthly

Role:

To cover housing and other related issues such as environmental issues, roads, lighting etc.

To decide on how the annual Environmental Improvement Budget (currently £100,000 for each area) will be spent.

Voting on potential projects highlighted through locality planning and other mechanisms.

Discussing the capital programme.

Discussing housing revenue expenditure within locally defined budgets.

Discussing any proposed changes in housing management or allocations policies and practice.

Electing 2 voting tenants to the Tenants' Panel.



TENANTS' PANEL

Comprises: 2 Voting Tenants from Each Area Committee and Chair of Housing Policy Working Group (Chairperson)

Meetings: quarterly

Role:

Representing the views of Area Committees, voting on behalf of Area Committees and reporting back to Area Committees.

Commenting and deciding on performance.

Strategy review.

Discussing changes to policies and procedures.

Giving recommendations on rent levels.

Ensuring major documents are understood and reach a 'Tenant Read Standard'.

Electing a voting representative to the Housing Policy Working Group.



HOUSING POLICY WORKING GROUP

Comprises: 1 Voting Tenant from the Tenants' Panel and 7 Councillors

Meetings: Monthly

Role: to make recommendations to Council Committee on housing and related issues.