

HOUSING AND REGENERATION POLICY BOARD
Thursday 20 March 2014 at 11am

Attendees

Cllr Feilding-Mellen

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Cllr Husband

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Officers

Item No.

Laura Johnson

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Ruth Angel

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Kitty Mortimer

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Simon Girling

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Lorna Cunningham

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Asha Gupta

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting - 13 March 2014

Noted.

2. Intermediate Housing Allocations Policy

Subject to a few amendments as discussed at the meeting, the Board approved the Policy.

Action by: Ruth Angel/Kitty Mortimer

3. Whistler Walk Hidden Homes Project

Mr. Girling tabled the design and access statement for the project. He reported that the project has gone through pre-application and was moving towards full application. There was some concern from planners on the amount of light coming into the dwellings. The project is for seven new flats (1 1bed, 3 2bed, 1 2bed maisonette and 2 3bed properties). The key risks to the project are planning, costs and time. The Board noted that the section 106 costs have increased the budget. Ms. Mortimer agreed to draft a KDR on the unilateral undertaking and to bring this to a Policy Board for approval. Cllr Feilding-Mellen welcomed the briefing.

4. Any Other Business

Chishimba v RBKC - The Board discussed the verdict of the Court of Appeal which found against the Council on two accounts. The Council has a duty to provide suitable accommodation to Ms. Chishimba. Ms Johnson said that we could petition the Minister for Housing to change the narrow interpretation of law and could seek support from London Councils for this as it was a London-wise issue. She agreed to

get a quote on how much this will cost and report back. Ms. Johnson also agreed to speak to Mr. Fitzpatrick about producing a press release.

Action by: Laura Johnson

Grenfell Tower - Ms. Johnson reported that a report was going to the TMO informing them of the successful contractor for Grenfell. She agreed to send a copy to Cllr Feilding-Mellen. Officers will need to do some value engineering as the bid has come in £500,000 higher than the budget. Cllr Blakeman was part of the interview panel. The report will going to Cabinet in June.

Action by: Laura Johnson

Rational House - Have asked to a small site in the Royal Borough. Ms. Johnson agreed to invite them to a Policy Board.

Action by: Laura Johnson

The meeting ended at 12.35 pm

**The next meeting will take place Thursday 20 March at
10.00am**