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HOUSING FUTURES REFERENCE GROUP

25 October 2005 – 1.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Lawley (in the Chair); Councillors Linden and Page

K Harvey, H McGee and G Yaxley (Tenants)

P Dimond, D Frowde, D Gilbert, R Pull, C Webb, J Donohoe and J Gulliver (represented Great Yarmouth Borough Council)

Apologies for absence were received from F Learmonth, J Donovan (who attended the morning session) and R King.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September were confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

3. RE-PRIORITISING OF SILVER STANDARD WORKS

The Head of Housing Management discussed details of the meeting that had taken place with tenants in the morning in respect of prioritising the Silver Standard works. A full discussion had taken place about how the capital programme was put together, how the revenue budget was balanced and the relationship between the two. The following aspirations were agreed using a rating between one and four. 1 = top priority, 2 = medium priority, 3 = lowest priority, 4 = added to specification in future work programmes where appropriate.

Type	Aspirations (Silver only)	Rating
Capital	Kitchen refurbishments	1
Capital	Improved external security	1
Capital	Walk in shower for bungalows and ground floor flats	1
Capital	Higher specification for communal door entry system	1
Capital	Additional sockets (based on six per property)	1
Capital	Enclosure of staircases	1

Type	Aspirations (Silver only)	Rating
Revenue	More resources to tenant participation work (to include more resources for young people participation)	1
Revenue	More resources to tackle anti-social behaviour (including considering CCTV, mediation etc)	1
Revenue	Scrap bulky items fee to avoid fly tipping	1
Revenue	Better recycling facilities	1
Capital	Secure off street parking including dropped kerbs	2
Capital	Installation of CO detectors	2
Capital	Bathroom refurbishments	2
Capital	Better soundproofing	2
Capital	Automatic doors to sheltered schemes	2
Capital	Safer fire exits – inspection of flats	2
Capital	Shower over bath for all tenants	3
Capital	Improved storage for bins	3
Capital	Level access to properties/adaptations for disabled	3
Capital	Housing for electric mobility scooters	3
Revenue	Better standard of grass cutting	3
Revenue	More intensive estate management	3
Capital	Lever taps on properties refurbished or used by older people	4
Capital	Low brick walls to be replaced with hairpin fencing	4

Further discussion took place highlighting the need for tenant representatives to be involved in the drawing up of the capital programme and the revenue budget. The Head of Housing Management explained that two tenants, from the PAMG (Partnership Agreement Monitoring Group) would be asked to attend meetings on the tenants' behalf to enable them to provide input for the process.

The meeting was the last one of the Housing Futures Reference Group and the Chairman thanked everyone present for all their support and hard work.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That a meeting be arranged with tenant representatives to nominate two tenants to take part in meetings for the drawing up of the capital programme and revenue budgets.

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 1.45 pm.