

## **APSE Building and Housing Advisory Group Meeting**

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**Chatelherault Country Park, Hamilton**

### **1. Introduction and Welcome**

CLlr Les Sharp welcomed everyone to the Building and Housing Advisory Group meeting.

### **2. Attendance and Apologies**

As per attached.

### **3. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes agreed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

### **5. Lantern Replacement Project**

Presentation from Bill Watson

- Social housing and high rise flats
- District heating to high rise is built in with rent therefore it is an aggregate cost. This now provides approx heating for £10 per week
- Owner occupiers have opportunity to buy into scheme
- Overcladding is a separate scheme to that of the district heating
- Have found a grant which assists owner occupiers to pay for this scheme.

Have been some issues for the Over Cladding with Contractors. One contractor in particular has been working extremely well, has been involved in consultations with residents.

(Presentation available)

### **6. Ending Homelessness in West Dunbartonshire**

Presentation by John Kerr

- 112 organisations involved in this drive to end homelessness in West Dunbartonshire.
- 2000 children under 16 were/had been affected by homelessness.
- Prevention better than the cure (split into 3 strands – Long term activity, Short term activity and Preventing repeat homelessness)

- Undertook a large media campaign to raise awareness and combat the stigma attached to homelessness.
- 40% reduction in terms of homeless applications and a 47% reduction in the number of presentations from young people.
- Council has also had a 22% increase in tenancy sustainment rates.
- Number of new initiatives and policies helping to reduce homelessness in West Dunbartonshire.

(Presentation available)

## **7. APSE Update**

Louise McMillan gave the group an update on work with COSLA, Scottish Party Conferences and COSLA meeting Protecting Services as well as all work being carried out by APSE Scotland.

## **8. Schedule of Rates / Charter Social Housing**

Group discussion followed on schedule of rates. Number of differences with what individual councils are working on.

Trying to see what other people are doing. Delivery model and other management costs.

Scrutiny panel having more focus on PN indicators. Important for all to be able to report back.

Group agreed to ask Bill Watson back to the advisory group to speak to the group on the topic of Condensation/Mould.

## **9. Items for Discussion at Future Advisory Group**

Bill Watson Condensation/ Mould presentation  
 Scottish Housing Regulator to be invited to present to the group  
 Monitoring sub-contractors quality (group discussion)

## **10. AOCB**

No other competent business was raised.

## **11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Confirmed after the Scottish AGM on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013 at Chatelherault.

## **12. Lunch**

## **13. Process Benchmarking – Margo Blair**

Following from advisory group meeting looking at

- Functionality
- Structures

Some analysis SMV National Values (100)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Count</b>
Louise McMillan	APSE	1
Bill Watson	Aberdeen City Council	1
Margo Blair	APSE Solutions	1
CLlr Les Sharp	Clackmannanshire Council	1
Tony Dolan	Dundee City Council	1
Bruce Patrick	Dundee City Council	1
Colin McInnes	East Dunbartonshire Council	1
William Frame	East Dunbartonshire Council	1
Robert Fotheringham	Falkirk Council	1
Susan Wilson	Fife Council	1
Ross Grieve	Fife Council	1
CLlr Tommy Lunny	North Lanarkshire Council	1
Michelle Hendry	North Lanarkshire Council	1
Elaine Scott	Renfrewshire Council	1
Stewart Muir	Renfrewshire Council	1
Dougie McMillan	South Lanarkshire Council	1
Heather Phillips	South Lanarkshire Council	1
John Kerr	West Dunbartonshire Council	1
Martin Feeney	West Dunbartonshire Council	1
John Drake	West Dunbartonshire Council	1
Katherine McLaughlin	West Lothian Council	1
Robert Boal	West Lothian Council	1

**Total** 22

### **Apologies**

Mike Rollo	Moray Council	1
Helen McGee	City of Edinburgh Council	1
John Gillespie	Clackmannanshire Council	1
John Rodigan	Fife Council	1
Jim Thomson	Midlothian Council	1
Gillian Simpson	South Lanarkshire Council	1