

## **Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum Action and Decision Log**

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Forum members present: Wendy Biddles (Chair), Joe Carroll (Vice Chair), Gwen Clifford, May Jones, Phillip Allen, Peter Hookway, Jean Williams, Ann Green,**

**Apologies: Cllr Connelly, Paresh Shah**

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Wendy Biddles announced that she had received notification that Paresh Shah had withdrawn from his role as one of the leaseholder representative from the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum. Wendy thanked Paresh for all his work in this role over the last few years.

### **2. Housing Revenue Account budget proposals**

Chris Burgin, Director of Housing, attended the meeting to talk through the proposals within the Housing Revenue Account budget proposals 2019/20 to 2021/22. The report is now published on Leicester City Council's website at <http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=735&Year=0>

### **3. Housing Revenue Account consultation**

Following Chris Burgin's presentation, the Forum discussed the proposals within the Housing Revenue Account budget proposals. Generally, they felt these proposals were fair and the proposed spend was being used to address some of the issues they had raised at previous meetings. The Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum feedback is included in the Housing Revenue Account budget report that will be discussed at the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and the Full Council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This can be found at the website address above.

**Action:** A letter will be sent, by the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum, to local MPs to raise their concerns that no Government funding is available to local authorities to carry out fire safety work, as a result of the Grenfell tragedy.

**Action:** The Forum requested an updated progress report on the kitchen and bathroom replacement programme. This will be timetabled into their work programme during 2019.

**Action:** The Forum requested information on the letting of empty properties and voids times. Again, this will be timetabled into their work programme during 2019.

#### **4. Any other business**

Jean Williams advised the Forum that the St Matthews area was experiencing a pest infestation of rats, bugs and pigeons. Jean stated she was working with the local housing office and the environmental health service to look what measures can be taken to resolve this issue.

Justin Haywood, Business Change Manager, provided feedback on the recent workshop held with Forum members, where suggestions were made on how the Forum could adapt to ensure it remained effective.

**Action:** Justin Haywood to provide written feedback to the Forum members on the suggested changes to Forum meeting arrangements

**Action:** Officers to consider the suggestions and, with the support of the Forum members, develop a plan for implementation during the first meeting of 2019.

Helen McGarry, Business Change Manager, advised the Forum that the Council was soon to undertake a consultation on the General Fund budget proposals for 2019 / 20.

**Action:** Helen McGarry to send out consultation documents to Forum members when this is published to enable them to provide feedback on the proposals

Helen McGarry provided Forum members with the draft version of this year's Annual Report to Tenants and Leaseholders.

**Action:** Forum members to provide comments on the Annual Report to Helen McGarry by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Joe Carroll provided information to Forum members on 2 funding opportunities for community groups.

The Forum was advised that Justin Haywood would be taking on the role as lead officer supporting the Forum during 2019.

#### **5. Date of next meeting**

A programme of meetings for next year will sent to Tenants and Leaseholders' Forum members in early 2019.