

Central Region Network Committee – 24 August 2010

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite to be extended to Aidan Grisewood re Fresh Thinking – New Ideas. <p>Final arrangements and planning for the event to be discussed and agreed at next meeting.</p>	All
5. 5.1	<p>Peoples Voice Newsletter – issue 3</p> <p>Members were provided with draft copies of the newsletter. The content reflected the need to inform RTO members of the development of the Scottish Social Housing Charter. Members agreed to proceed to publication of the newsletter and expressed appreciation to the newsletter sub-group for their hard work.</p>	
6. 6.1 6.2	<p>Scottish Social Housing Charter Sounding Board</p> <p>Danny advised members that the Scottish Government had established a new sounding board to give insight on the development of the Charter. The sounding board would be drawn from a number of relevant stakeholder groups.</p> <p>All Regional Networks had been invited to submit relevant members for consideration as likely representatives. Chair and Secretary had submitted Helen Forrest for consideration on the basis of her experience across Local Authority and RSL housing tenures. Kevin Paterson (Region 9) had selected Helen Forrest from the list of Regional nominees using the agreed protocol.</p>	Helen
7. 7.1	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Susan updated members on all financial transactions since the last meeting. A current balance of £1,557.81 was also reported. Members endorsed the report and Chair thanked Susan for her continued commitment.</p>	Susan
8. 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4 8.5	<p>Information</p> <p>Charter Event in Falkirk – members advised of the Scottish Government event to be held in Falkirk on Thursday 26 August. A number of members intimated their intention to attend the event.</p> <p>CIH Training – members informed of current training events being organised by the Tenants Priorities Team. Some members expressed the view that a full day was not always appropriate as it impacts on their ability to attend.</p> <p>Fresh Thinking, New Ideas – members advised of the government’s current discussion paper and encouraged to input their ideas via the designated website.</p> <p>Safeguarding Tenancy Deposits – members were encouraged to contribute their views on this government consultation.</p> <p>Social Housing allocations Guidance – members advised of this current consultation exercise and to take part in the consultation.</p>	All
9. 9.1.1	<p>Reports</p> <p>Regional Networks Chairs and Secretaries – Hugh had produced a written report of the meeting on 14 July 2010:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Cameron (Scottish Housing Regulator) gave a progress report and responded to questions: • an advertisement would appear late autumn, inviting individuals to apply for appointment to the new Housing Regulatory Board. • tenants should consider applying once the public announcement was made • tenants will be considered in line with Public Appointment regulations • regulatory board will be formally constituted in April 2011 • board will assume full powers and have legal status applied in April 2012 • Scottish Housing Regulator was most keen to engage with as many RTOs as possible to listen to concerns as well as to aid the formation of policy and guidance. However, due to resource constraints this would have to be at events that embraced a number of local groups. <p>Members agreed to give consideration to inviting Michael to a future Central Region meeting.</p> <p>9.1.2 Chairs and Secretaries had sent their good wishes to Eric Allan (Region 2 Chair) who is very ill.</p> <p>9.1.3 Next meeting of Chairs and Minister would occur on 14 September. A report detailing the decline of neighbourhoods would be presented to the Minister at this meeting.</p> <p>9.1.4 A discussion on the Regional Networks website resulted in the remittance of a document authored by Greg Hind (Region 9) to the website sub-group for review and resolution.</p> <p>9.1.5 A few agenda items were carried forward to the next meeting including Region 9 paper on future changes to Chairs and Secretaries meetings.</p> <p>9.2 Ministerial Housing Bill Sounding Board – Danny presented an oral update on June meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Government and Communities Committee had published its report, welcoming the Bill in principle. • Mr Neil had reminded members that the exercise to develop the Charter would be a bottom-up rather than top-down process. • the Charter required to meet three key essentials: a) reflect what tenants, homeless people and other service users wanted; b) reflect what landlords could achieve, and c) reflect what the Regulator could measure. • Shelter had presented a paper outlining a number of possible amendments to the Bill. The outcome of discussions revealed the amendments would impose additional costs and other burdens on landlords. Mr Neil asked Shelter to consider the points raised and reminded them the Scottish Government to give assurances that any amendments would make material differences to the bill. <p>9.3 HRH Garden Party – Hugh submitted a short report giving a flavour of the Royal Garden Party. It had been an interesting day albeit a different experience. Geoff concurred with Hugh’s remarks and thanked the</p>	Hugh
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	Committee for endorsing his invitation.	
10.	Other Relevant Business	
10.1	No other relevant business	
11.	Close of Meeting	
11.1	Members agreed the next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 October in Highlander House, Glasgow at 11am.	
11.2	That being all the business Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.	