

Central Region Network Committee – 5 April 2011

<p>4. 4.1</p>	<p>Chair's Report Hugh distributed a written report outlining his participation as a panel member in the political debate session at CIH conference. Members thanked Hugh for his first-rate contribution on behalf of tenants.</p>	
<p>5. 5.1 5.2 5.3</p>	<p>Secretary's Report Danny advised members that the Government had announced changes in respect of Stage 3 Adaptations undertaken by Housing Associations. Government funding is to be cut and RSLs will now be responsible for meeting the first £1000 of costs. Members resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write Aiden Grisewood outlining Central Region's concerns re Stage 3 Adaptations changes • Write new Housing Minister after the election of the new Government • Alert all other Regional Networks <p>5.2 Danny informed members he had attended Strathfor Joint Tenants Conference in Stirling at the invitation of the organisers. Danny had given a presentation on the work of the SHR and facilitated a workshop in which tenants considered the possible outcomes suggested in the Scottish Government's discussion paper. It was a very enjoyable and worthwhile day and tenants had gained a lot in terms of networking and better understanding of the Housing Charter.</p> <p>5.3 Danny had also written Michael Cameron (acting Head of Scottish Housing Regulator) inviting him to give a presentation to members attending the AGM. No response had been received to date.</p>	
<p>6. 6.1</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report Susan Robertson updated members on the current financial position. The bank account has a credit balance of £957.63 and £69.34 cash in hand. Members noted the report.</p>	
<p>7. 7.1 7.1.1 7.1.2 7.1.3</p>	<p>Chairs and Secretaries Meeting 7.1 Hugh updated members re key decisions taken at the Chairs and Secretaries meeting held in Glasgow on 22nd March 2011.</p> <p>7.1.1 Regional Networks Website - A discussion had taken place with Greg Hine via telephone conferencing on the future of the Network's Website. Greg had raised a number of personal concerns he had re the effectiveness of the website. The chairs and secretaries decided to reconvene the website subgroup to consider whether improvements are required and if so to make relevant recommendations.</p> <p>7.1.2 Regional Networks Committee Members Conference – Members agreed to hold a further committee members conference in Glasgow later in the year. Region 3 would organise the event in conjunction with the Tenants Priorities Team.</p> <p>7.1.3 Scottish Housing Regulator Board Appointments – members were informed of the appointments to the new SHR board. Members welcomed the inclusion of 2 tenant board members.</p>	

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7.1.4	Welfare Reform Steering Group – members welcomed the appointment of Rita Smart (Region 3) as the Regional Networks representative to the steering group.	
8.	Central Region Annual General meeting	
8.1	Geoff advised members it was his intention not to seek re-election to the committee at the AGM. He felt he was leaving the Network in very capable hands and thanked members for their support and understanding during his spell on the committee. Hugh responded that Geoff would be sorely missed and thanked him for his thoughtful contributions over the years.	
8.2	The final arrangements were agreed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. approval for Michael to distribute relevant paperwork to RTO members; b. approval of Agenda and timings; c. approval that Danny give a presentation on the work of the SHR in the event that Michael Cameron was unavailable to attend; d. approval for Hugh to arrange suitable catering; e. approval to place LOBS constitutional amendment for consideration at the AGM; f. approval that Helen offers a vote of thanks at conclusion of AGM. 	Michael Hugh Danny Hugh Hugh Helen
9.	Close of meeting and date of next meeting	
9.1	That being all the business the Chair closed the meeting. Next meeting would be held in Glasgow on Tuesday 7 th June 2011 at 11am.	