DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES & WELLBEING



MINUTES OF HOUSING STRATEGY PROGRAMME BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd MARCH 2017

Present: Steve Kenyon - Interim Executive Director of Resources and Regulation **SK** (Chair)

Emma Joos - Administration Support Officer, Bury Council **EJ** (Minutes)

Marcus Connor - Corporate Policy Manager, Bury Council **MCC** Sharon Hanbury - Head of Urban Renewal, Bury Council **SH**

Karen Young - Strategic Lead, Bury Council KY

Tracey Hunt - Financial Services Business Manager, Six Town Housing TH

Sharon McCambridge - Chief Executive of Six Town Housing **SMc** John Merrick - Director of Neighbourhoods, Six Town Housing **JM**

Julie Gonda - Acting Executive Director of Communities and Wellbeing JG

ACTION

1.0	Apologies:	
1.1	Emma Richman - Director of Assets, Six Town Housing ER	
1.2	Cllr Sandra Walmsley – Cabinet Member for Strategic Housing and Support Services SW	
2.0	Minutes of 23 rd February 2017 Meeting:	
2.1	The minutes of the meeting, held on Thursday 23 rd February 2017 were approved as a correct record. These will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board.	
3.0	Matters Arising:	
3.1	It was noted that since the meeting and comments at Item 4.1.2, all the Systems Leaders were now agreed.	
3.2	All other matters arising will be picked up on the agenda.	
4.0	New Items:	
4.1	None.	
5.0	Existing Items:	
5.1	Estate Regeneration	
5.1.1	Council and Six Town Housing are continuing to explore two bid opportunities	

ACTION

for regeneration funds.	
Standard Items:	
Welfare Reform	
An overview of Bury Council's and Six Town Housing's position relating to Welfare Reform was provided. Whilst overall rent arrears are steadily increasing, rent collection levels remain high at 100.01% as at the end of February 2017; compared to 99.84% at the same point last year.	
Neighbourhood Working	
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Housing Operations Board (HOB) Action Plan to HSPB	
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Date of Next Meeting.	
Thursday 20 th April 2017, 1pm – 2pm, Irwell Room 1 st Floor, Town Hall	
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