

NOTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL 2025 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor: R Buscombe (Chairperson) Presiding

Councillors: C Davieson
A Hall
M Joyce
C Parker
M Ryan

Councillors: A Gibbs, A Ineson and L Wood also attended.

By invitation Tom Woodman, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Teign Housing
Holly Reynolds, Communities and Compliance Officer Teign Housing

Officers In attendance: Linda McGuirk, Principal Administrator
Pierre Doutreligne, Projects & Strategy Officer
Nigel Canham, Communications Advisor

Also, in attendance Freeman Mike Hocking
Freewoman Carol Bunday
4 x Members of the public

CEG 16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor L Cooke.

CEG 17 INTERESTS

None declared.

CEG 18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Community Engagement Group meeting held on 26th February 2025 were received and signed as a correct record.

CEG 18 PRESENTATION

The Chairperson, Councillor Richard Buscombe, welcomed the representatives of Teign Housing to the meeting and invited them to give a presentation to members.

The representatives introduced themselves to the meeting and gave an overview of the housing association:

- What is a Housing Association

- Not for profit organisation
- Some longstanding properties, some transferred from Councils
- Different sizes of association with differing activities
- The process of how people are offered homes
- How they are funded and borrowing
- Building New Homes
 - Land and contractor availability
 - Government grant from Homes England
 - Section 106 through Planning system
 - Rural housing issues
- Cost pressures
 - Building safety changes
 - Damp, mould and condensation
 - Zero Carbon and energy costs
 - Social care crisis and an ageing population
 - Listening to customers and stakeholders

The Chairperson thanked Mr Woodman for his informative presentation and invited Members to ask questions. Councillors raised the following points:

- Policy on Social rents
- Impact of right to buy
- Planning process
- Affordable housing and benefits
- Resident issues, overgrown gardens, drugs and anti-social behaviour
- Empty homes
- Grass verge cutting
- Damp and condensation issues
- Noise disturbances

Councillor M Ryan expressed his thanks to the Teign Housing Officers who regularly attend the Buckland Centre to support tenants.

The Chairperson expressed his determination to continue the relationship with Teign Housing Association and thanked the representatives for attending. The Projects & Strategy Officer confirmed he will be in contact to build on the relationship.

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HOT TOPICS

The Chairperson invited members to raise any matters for discussion at future meetings. The Projects & Strategy Officer reported that he had recently met with a representative from the Devon Football Association, who expressed an interest in offering community initiatives. It was agreed that the Devon FA

would be invited to attend the next meeting of the Community Engagement Group to discuss potential opportunities further.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Engagement Group is scheduled for the 9th July 2025.

Meeting closed at 20:40

CHAIRPERSON..... Date.....