



# **MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL HOUSING FORUM**

**19 APRIL 2007**

**7.30 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES,  
CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES**

## **A G E N D A**

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## TENANT REPRESENTATIVES

1. **Bradville North End Residents' Association**  
M Burke and P Bonarius
2. **Bradwell Common**  
B King and P Warner
3. **Castles Residents' Association**  
M Healey and J Blore
4. **Conniburrow Community Association**  
G Byfield and T Field
5. **Eaglestone Residents' Association**  
A Mercer
6. **Fenny Stratford Residents' Association**  
G Chennell and R Venn
7. **Fishermead Residents' Action Group**  
A Work and G Farran
8. **Greenleys Residents' Association**  
F Smith and H Taylor
9. **Lakes Residents' Association**  
J Marling and L White
10. **Meads Close Residents' Association**  
G Murphy and J Beale
11. **Netherfield Residents' Association**  
J Bobey and E Bobey
12. **Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association**  
J Kennah and P Prop
13. **Town End Crescent, Stoke Goldington**  
G Bacchus and C Sandall

## PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

1. **Great Linford Parish Council**  
C Allum (Downs Barn) and C Bradford (Pennylands)
2. **Woughton Parish Council**  
G Woolmore (Beanhill)

## **OFFICERS OF THE FORUM EXECUTIVE 2006 – 2007**

Eamonn Bobey (Netherfield Residents' Association) (**Chair**), Margaret Burke (Bradville North End Residents' Association) (**Vice-Chair**), Pauline Prop (Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association) (**Tenant Resource Centre Manager**), Rita Venn (Fenny Stratford Residents' Association) (**Deputy Tenants Resource Centre Manager**), Jeanette Marling (Lakes Residents' Association) (**Finance Officer**)

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1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes and Action Sheet**

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Milton Keynes Council Housing Forum held on 15 March 2007 (Item 3a) (**Pages 6 to 17**) and receive the Action Sheet from the meeting (Item 3b) (**Pages 18 to 29**).

4. **Matters Arising**

To consider any Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2007.

5. **Advance Notice of Any Other Business**

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

6. **Housing Service Performance Report**

To receive a report from Deborah Cater, Performance and Quality Officer on the performance of the Housing Service (Item 6) (**Pages 30 to 33**).

7. **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Monitoring Report**

To receive a report from Caroline Chandler, Finance Manager on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (Item 7) (**Pages 34 to 41**).

8. **Update on the Decent Homes Standard**

To receive a report from Matt Bishop, Asset and Performance Manager on the Decent Homes Standard (Item 8) (**To follow**).

9. **Consultation**

To receive a report from the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Milton Keynes Council Housing Forum on the lack of consultation by Milton Keynes Council with the Milton Keynes Council Housing Forum (Item 9) (**Pages 42 to 43**)

10. **Response to the "Consultation" report**

To receive a report from Pam Wharfe, Director of Housing Services in response to the "Consultation" report at Item 9 (Item 10) (**Pages 44 to 46**).

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### **11. Digital Television Update**

To receive a report from Derek Beaumont, Partnering Manager on the latest developments on the introduction of digital television in Milton Keynes (Item 11) (**Pages 47 to 48**).

### **12. Reports from Residents' Associations**

To receive individual reports from Residents' Associations, limited to three minutes per Association.

### **13. Housing Forum Executive / Tenant Participation Liaison Meetings**

To receive the Minutes from the meetings held on 19 February 2007 (Item 13a) (**Pages 49 to 53**), 5 March 2007 (Item 13b) (**Pages 54 to 58**) and 19 March 2007 (Item 13c) (**Pages 59 to 62**).

### **14. Housing Forum Executive Meetings**

To receive the Minutes from the meetings held on 12 February 2007 (Item 14a) (**Page 63**), 26 February 2007 (Item 14b) (**Pages 64 to 65**) and 12 March 2007 (Item 14c) (**Page 66**).

### **15. Housing Forum Grant Panel Meetings**

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Housing Forum Grant Panel held on 14 February 2007 (Item 15a) (**Pages 67 to 70**) and 13 March 2007 (Item 15b) (**Pages 71 to 73**)

### **16. Minutes from other meetings**

To receive the Minutes of the meeting between the Executive and the Director of Housing Services held on 21 February 2007 (Item 16) (**Pages 74 to 75**).

### **17. Any Other Business**

To receive any other business that the Forum has given advance notice of under Item 5 (Advance Notice of Any Other Business).