



LORETTO HOUSING ASSOCIATION MINUTE OF BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday 10 January 2023
Time: 2pm
Venue: Wheatley House, 25 Cochrane Street Glasgow

Chairperson: Eric Gibson

Present: Archie Morrison, Lesley Bloomer, Suzanne Lavelle and Gregor Dunlay.

In Attendance: Laura Pluck, Group Director of Communities
Stephen Wright, Director of Governance
Laura Henderson, Managing Director

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Jennifer Williamson and Alex McKay. It was noted Pauline Gilmore was on a leave of absence. The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

The Board noted the standing declarations. No new declarations of interest were made.

3. **2023 rent setting – tenant feedback and next steps**

The Board received a report on the feedback from our extensive tenant engagement on our 2023 rent setting proposals and an update on the wider sector position in terms of consulting tenants on their rent increases. Approval was sought on the 2023/24 rent increases and the next steps, process and timeline for consulting our tenants.

The Board carefully considered the report and noted that our engagement on the 2023 rent setting proposals had given us a very strong sense of tenants' views on our rent setting proposals and priorities more widely with over 260 customers involved in interviews and focus groups.

The Board considered the outcome of the initial consultation (which had been independently facilitated by BMG) and was satisfied this was reflected in the consultation documents. In particular, the Board noted that the engagement had identified that a majority of those tenants involved were in favour of a rent increase to preserve services and investment as much as possible and did not support a rent freeze.

The Board considered the proposed consultation timeline and noted that while it was shorter than we would usually provide, it still provided a reasonable window for tenants to respond. The Board also noted that separate consultation documents would be issued to

those tenants who had joined from Cube Housing Association, to reflect those commitments given at the time of our partnership.

Decided: The Board

- 1) **Approved the options for consultation for Loretto and ex-Cube customers as set out in paragraph 4.21 of the report.**
- 2) **Approved the key steps and timeline for consultation with tenants as set out in paragraph 4.22 of the report.**

4. AOCB

No other business

I certify that the above minute has been approved as a true and accurate reflection of the proceedings.

Signed _____