



## **Cosmopolitan Tenants Forum Meeting** (Improving Services for Cosmopolitan Tenants')

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010  
Board Room

### **Attendance:**

Mary Gibiliru	Vice Chair
Alan Heague	Forum Member
Bob Gleig	Forum Member
Brian Gibson	Forum Member

### **Cosmopolitan:**

Alec Gaston	Operations Director
Steve Loftus	Resident Involvement Co-ordinator
Sasha Buckley	Resident Involvement Assistant

### **Apologies:**

Sue Ward	Chair
Iain Campbell	Forum member
Alan Bocking	Forum Member
Tim Hall Smith	Forum Member
Julie McNally	Resident Involvement Officer

### **Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies**

Alec welcomed all to the meeting.

### **ACTION**

Alec stated he had identified from the last set of minutes that the Forum had dissolved. He advised that he had gone through the Forum constitution and it does not state that the Forum can carry this out. Geoff has recognised that the Forum will need to continue with the organisation to carry out consultation.

Since the TSA (Tenant Service Authority) have come into place, the role of scrutiny has been discussed by the group and Alec informed them that the scrutiny vehicle will need to be a constituted body and will have a link and role to report to the Board. The association will seek to obtain approval for the introduction of a scrutiny group from the Board in April. Once the Board have given approval, progress in this area will commence.

Alec asked members of the Forum if they wished to continue in their current role prior to the scrutiny body being introduced. He stated that he is aware that some members may not be able to attend all meetings due to other commitments and if anyone wanted to withdraw from the Forum they would need to resign.

## **ACTION**

He advised the meeting that the Constitution would need to be looked at to determine the numbers required for future meetings. It may be necessary to look at recruiting new volunteers.

Bob, Alan and Brian stated they were not aware that the Forum had dissolved, as they had not given their approval. Sasha advised that she thought this issue had been agreed when the Forum met with Debbie Outsted.

Members around the table were asked if they wished to continue on the Forum and Brian, Bob, Alan and Mary all agreed to continue as Forum members. Alec asked Sasha to contact the members not present and ask for their decisions on this point.

**SB**

Alec stated that there is still a lot of work to carry out to set up the scrutiny group and residents will need to be provided with training. He suggested that the group might not be ready to operate until October. Steve added that the future scrutiny group will be a great asset for the organisation and a great step forward, he thanked the Forum for their hard work and willingness to continue in helping the organisation to help improve services.

Alec continued by informing the Forum that he intends to write out to the Members who were not in attendance to advise them what has been discussed in the meeting today. Alec thanked everyone for attending and asked the Forum if they had any other business to discuss. Brian provided a comment regarding the new cleaning company Wolf. Steve thanked the Forum for attending the meeting.

**AG**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be taking place Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Sasha will contact all members of the Forum to set a time.

**SB**