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Lincoln Tenants' Panel

6 September 2017

Present:	Eric Jenkinson (<i>in the Chair</i>)
Members:	Mick Barber, Kathleen Hill, Brian Botham, Debbie Rousseau (Vice-Chair), Caroline Coyle-Fox, Barrie Frith, Matthew Hall, Richard Kelly, Sheila Watkinson, John Ranshaw and Felicity Kelsall
Officers:	Chris Morton, Tom Charlesworth and Farrah Cornwell
Others:	Graham Palmer, Mr Gooding
Apologies for Absence:	Sharron Elsom and Christine Lamming

100. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the September meeting. Apologies were received from Sharron Elsom and Christine Lamming.

101. Confirmation of Minutes - 16 August 2017

No comments were received regarding the minutes.

RESOLVED that the minutes from 16 August 2017 were accurate.

102. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED no declarations of interests were received.

103. Feedback from Executive - Meeting 30 August 2017

Chris Morton advised that the Mutual Exchange Policy report, which had been supported by the panel, had been passed and approved by Executive.

RESOLVED that the report had been noted.

104. Equality Act 2010 Access for Wheelchair Users to Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles (Tom Charlesworth)

Tom Charlesworth explained the background of the report, which is going to licensing committee in October, and advised that he is undertaking consultation on whether to maintain a list of designated wheelchair accessible vehicles for the purpose of the Equality Act 2010.

Tom Charlesworth welcomed comments from the panel, which are listed below:

- Taking into account the cost of the wheelchair accessible vehicle a premium fare would be reasonable for those passengers
- Disabled people receive an allowance therefore it shouldn't be a problem to charge premium for the fare
- The council could meet the private taxi companies half way with the fees

Tom Charlesworth suggested that the council could change the policy to say that private hire need to have a percentage of wheelchair accessible vehicles however the consensus of the panel was that is a step too far to dictate to private businesses how many wheelchair access vehicles they need to have. Tom Charlesworth also suggested that there could be a reduction in the licence fees for the wheelchair accessible vehicles so it is an incentive for the private hire to keep them which the panel agreed was a good idea.

Question: What have other councils done?

Answer: It is a 50/50 spilt on the take up, some haven't created a list and others have. There has been no feedback from the councils who have created a list however our consultation has been sent to them therefore it is hoped that feedback will be received shortly.

RESOLVED that the report to be noted.

105. Code of Conduct Review (All)

RESOLVED that the panel agreed to the proposed amendments to the code of conduct. Chris Morton will make arrangements for the code of conduct to go to the next Executive meeting for approval.

106. Leasehold Matters (Felicity Kelsall)

Felicity Kelsall advised the panel that there was nothing to report. The next leaseholder meeting is on 27 September.

107. Review Groups

108. Allocations and Tenancy (Caroline Coyle-Fox)

Caroline Coyle-Fox advised that a re-election had taken place and she had been elected chair for another year.

Caroline Coyle-Fox informed the panel that a new review is going to explore the possibility of having a furniture storage for tenants based on their need for furniture. Shelia Watkinson suggested advertising in the Home! magazine for people who have old furniture that they no longer want so they can be given to people who are in need. Matt Hall suggested having a database of the furniture that is in storage as well as a list of people in need and what items they need so if something becomes available there is a possibility of it going straight to the tenant in need rather than in storage. There is a meeting on 22 September to discuss this in greater detail.

RESOLVED for Chris Morton to find out where the furniture goes when people are evicted from their property.

109. Neighbourhood, Community Involvement and Home (John Ranshaw)

John Ranshaw informed the panel that there was a meeting on 22 August where it was identified that the questionnaire for repairs staff wasn't sent to all of them therefore this will now be done.

RESOLVED the update to be noted.

110. Anti-Social Behaviour Monitoring (Debbie Rousseau)

Debbie Rousseau informed the panel there was nothing to report.

The panel noted that Francesca Bell was acting up as the Anti-Social Behaviour manager.

RESOLVED the report to be noted.

111. LTP Publicity and Membership (Chris Morton)

Chris Morton advised the panel that he will be on Lincoln City Radio on 10 October at 11am and to advise him if any of the panel would like to join him.

RESOLVED the report to be noted.

112. LTP Training Attendance (Eric Jenkinson)

The Chair advised the panel that there has been a lack of attendance to some training sessions that have been held and reminded all that there is a cost implication therefore attendance to these training sessions is important.

There are five places on the IT training course, four of which have been taken up by Kathleen Hill, Mick Barber, Christine Lamming and Shelia Watkinson therefore there is still one place available if anyone else on the panel wants to attend.

RESOLVED that the panel would have three hour training sessions in the future rather than all day sessions in order to make the sessions more accessible.

RESOLVED that the Lincoln Tenants Panel meeting on 22 November would be changed to either 15 or 29 November due to the training held at Trafford Hall on 22 November. Chris Morton will advise the panel of the confirmed date.

113. Items for the Next Meeting

RESOLVED that Chris Morton would check the availability of Bob Ledger and Councillor Pete West to attend the next meeting for quarterly question time.

114. Arrangements for the ARCH Conference on 20 September 17 (Chris Morton)

Chris Morton informed the panel that the mini bus would be leaving City Hall at 7am therefore everyone attending the ARCH conference would need to be at City Hall for 6.45am.

RESOLVED the LTP members noted the arrangements.

115. Non Agenda Items

Kathy Hill raised an issue with the flower beds and requested for the item to be noted. The concern was that several flower beds around the city contained non-scented flowers and these don't attract wildlife. She requested the matter to be looked into. Felicity Kelsall supported this.

RESOLVED for Kathy Hill and Felicity Kelsall to provide locations of the flower beds to Chris Morton so he could raise the issue with the appropriate person.