

Federation Executive Meeting
Wednesday 13th December 2017, 11:00am
at The Brain Charity, Norton Street, Liverpool, L3

Present: Walter McFarlane, Sally Trueman, Chris Leavy, Alison Stokes, Jacky Vince, Janice Murray, Michael Hulme, David Daniels, Dave Otty, Peter Taylor, Patrick Rice, Dorothy Boreland,

Staff : Tonia Punter-Ojong (left at lunchtime) Karen Kendall, Jackie Ulring, Megan Duggan, Rachel Hayes, Hugh Owen, Kate Henderson

1. **Chair's Welcome** - WM
2. **Apologies** – Shirley Ifield (resigned), Victor Andrews, Margi Kelly
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held 14th November 2017 – Janice delayed, was not present for this part of the meeting**
4. **Matters Arising Janice delayed, was not present for this part of the meeting**
5. **Presentation by Hugh Owen – Riverside Director of Strategy and Public Affairs** – Hugh Owen gave presentation. Included:
 - U-turn on LHA (Local Housing Allowance) under 35s benefit cap and changes to Universal Credit.
 - Homes for the North (#H4N) – Lobbying with 18 other HA's as #H4N calling for more balanced approach.
 - Rents – doing a lot of work around affordability, there will be a major review of rent policy next year.
 - Supported Housing – Second major consultation of the year, 60% of Care & Support's services fall under 'short-term supported housing' (under 2 years).
 - Universal Credit – 2,000 customers on UC in Riverside, 18,500 still to change over to UC, there will be a survey every year on customer experience for UC and how it affects them.
 - Strategy Planning Team – Kate Henderson joins new team led by Hugh Owens & overview of the team's role and how they will work with the Fed.
6. **Q & A**
7. **Lunch**
8. **Steering Group Updates**(including agreeing final name for new Fed from 2 shortlisted by rebrand steering group and marketing)

- **Constitution Group** – Final draft of Constitution will be run by TPAS, will be into the New Year before it comes back to review and go to group Board.
- **Rebranding** – DD shared the 2 shortlisted names with the Fed Exec: 'The Voice' & 'The Grapevine' – Robust discussion re the rebranding of the Fed Exec followed.

9. **Discussion and Planning of Federation Exec winter regional visits** – Karen Kendall spoke on visits as late planning, we can put it off until next year. Discussion on how we move forward with visits to regional areas and how we plan for next year to help Riverside communities.

10. **Federation Exec Members Updates from their Regions**

- **CL:** Local groups (are all groups getting help from Riverside in every region as Liverpool get it), Tenants and Resident meetings which housing officers attend. Deal with groups at local levels
- **MH:** Local group not getting financial help from Riverside but local tenants group still running.
- **VA:** VA & JV involved in procurement in London area, Riverside want to get repairs right. VA visited a number of tenant groups.

11. **Update from NSC & Group Board**

- **NSC** - Patrick gave update on NSC
- **Group Board** - Sally advised Fed Exec that Riverside is going to be 90 years old next year. Gave update on Group Board. Gave brief update on meetings with housing minister and all the facilitating of meetings she has been involved in.

12. **Core Brief**

1. Presentation on Strategy & Public Affairs – HO & KH
2. Gifts for 5 regions before Christmas – to give to the less fortunate

13. **Any Other Business** – WM would like to know what is happening to recharging from Capita back to Federation.
Robust discussion on travel, meetings & cost.
DD gave talk on SANDS charity and asked members if possible for them to collect postage stamps for the charity. Can give them to DD or post direct to SANDS.

Date of next meeting –Thursday 22nd February 2018 - venue to be confirmed