

Arawak Walton STORY Housing Association



September 2023

BOARD MEETING

STAFF AND BOARD CONFERENCE

The Board noted the report and agreed that:

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The outcomes from both conferences be used to update the written Business **Plan and Strategic** Bridges.

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SMT to formulate an **Implementation Plan** with potential costs for making best use of available IT.

BUSINESS PLAN 23-53 - INCLUDING STRESS TESTING

The Board noted the report and approved:

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The updated 30 vear financial **Business Plan** 2023 - 2053

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The value for money KPIs and targets

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The stress tests and sensitivity analysis undertaken together with the mitigations

4

A review of the budget, once the half year outturns are available.







BETTER SOCIAL HOUSING REVIEW (BSHR) - ACTION PLAN

The Board noted the report and:

2 3 Accepted where Approved the Noted the the Association additional procedures areas where currently to be investigated the Association addressed the over the next 12 awaited further **BSHR** action clarification months plan

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS Q4 TO 31ST MARCH 2023, INCLUDING TREASURY UPDATE The Board noted the report and approved:

3 The management The impairment Accepted that the accounts & Treasury fixed to variable rate review and accepted update for the period the opinion that there continues to be below ended 31st March was no impairment of the Treasury target of 2023 assets 70%:30%

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ANNUAL REPORT PRODUCTION 2023

The Board noted the report and approved:

1 A Board meeting be held immediately That the Annual The theme of the General Meeting (AGM) **Annual Report be** after the AGM be held at 5pm on 20th based on the outcome to formalise September 2023, as of the triannual appointments and a shareholders only **Tenants' Satisfaction** consider policy/ strategy topics, event survey as required

The Board noted the report and approved the recruitment and retention policy and accepted:

1 2 3 The association The Association Collection of sociowould continue to would continue to economic data will investigate good investigate further be considered in practice to encourage methods to increase line with sector staff to reconsider diversity in low their disability requirements percentage areas classification

PROPERTY UPDATE AND SDR RETURN TO 31ST MARCH 2023

The Board noted the report and the property changes during 2022/23 and approved the submission of the SDR Return to the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH)

IMPACT OF USING LOCAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS 2022/23

The Board noted the report and ratified:

The strategy to support the local economy through the use of local contractors and suppliers at circa £3M per annum

STAFF AWAY DAYS

The second Ops away day of the year took place on 14 July 2023. The event was held at Brunswick Extra Care scheme a local facility.

The day focussed on Tenant Voice and Continuous Improvement.

Presentations were given on Tenant Involvement and Learning from Complaints giving colleagues the opportunity to share ideas on involving tenants face to face and remotely, and improving our services by listening to tenants, acting on their feedback, with a view to delivering an improved service. Colleagues also shared suggestions on improving our service style by making things easier and embracing technology.

A case study was shared by staff dealing with complex situations around hoarding, the importance of working with others, and taking the lead when required to promote the safety of our tenants.

Teams also got the chance to show their talents in creating a work of art, with prizes for the team who could build the highest free standing tower made of spaghetti and marshmallows!

Our back-office teams, Corporate Services, Finance and IT also held their first away day of the year on Friday 28th July 2023.

A coaching session was delivered by Sarah Atta, Corporate Services Manager, where everyone was asked to discuss and reflect on what contributes to staff feeling 'not so great' and 'at their best' at work. The aim of which was to look at how we can stay in the 'at your best' more often by identifying what triggers and situations can contribute to these feelings. This was a reflective session which ended with all team members taking away at least one realistic action to go forward with to help them stay at their best more.

The day was also used as an opportunity to carry out a start/stop/continue exercise where discussions took place around why we carry out particular areas of work, the benefits they bring and whether we should still continue to do them. This led to conversations around what other new areas we would love to consider! This exercise brought about some amazing new ideas and made the teams reevaluate some of our processes and practices.

We then finished the day off with some fun teamwork bowling.







Away Days are a really important aspect of our training and development for staff. The feedback on the day supports this – "enjoyed the opportunity to get together, share information, learn new things, and help to improve how we do things round here".

WINDRUSH 75TH ANNIVERSAY EVENT

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of Windrush, staff, tenants and their families hosted an event at Bougainvillea Gardens. The event welcomed guest speakers, stalls and exhibitions, a raffle with plenty of food and drink!

The event had a great turn out and everybody had a fabulous time.









Ebi and Pauline also attended an event at the Whalley Range Methodist Church where Arawak shared a stall with the Caribbean and African Health Network (CAHN). There was a great turnout from organisations, locals and councillors.





STAFF NEWS

LEAVERS

CHRISTINE ASHWORTH,

Scheme Manager of Birch Court left the association in June. We wish Christine the best of luck in her future endeavours.

JORDAN OSBALDESTON,

PA to our Chief Executive. left the association in July after securing a new role. We wish her all the best.

ADEBAYO ADETUNDE.

Adebayo Adetunde has been with us on a temporary contract as our IT Assistant. Adebayo has secured a new job at MSV housing and we wish him all the best in his new position.

We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

STARTERS

JEANELLA

Jeanella is our new Scheme Manager at Sycamore Court. Jeanella has a background in mental health and working as a care team leader for residents with illnesses and learning difficulties.

TENANT SATISFACTION MEASURES

The Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) regulates landlords (like Arawak Walton Housing Association) to check that they are giving people good housing and that they are efficient and run well.

Tenant Satisfaction measures (TSMs) are a new part of the RSH's regulatory approach, aimed at making it easier for people to find out how good a landlord is and compare different housing providers. This means people can see which landlords are better at looking after homes and tenants. The RSH thinks it's

important that people know how tenants feel about their landlord, and if landlords are ding what they're supposed to do. We will need to report how we are doing to the RSH every year, starting with information covering the period April 2023 to March 2024.

We are working with The Leadership Factor (TLF) who will do the survey on our behalf from 28 August – 6 October 2023. Read more about TSM's on our website arawakwalton.com



ARAWAK WALTON AGM
WEDNESDAY 20TH SEP AT 5PM
FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

PERFORMANCE STATISTICS (KPI'S)



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