

Board Meeting Summary





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Halton Housing Board Meeting Summary – 9th February 2022

Performance

Board received performance reports in respect of quarter three (2021/22).

- Of the 11 'Lifeblood' Performance Measures, five are green, four are amber and two are red.
- Overall surplus for the year to date is £2,507k compared to a budgeted surplus of £1,867k, a favourable variance of £640k.
- Forecast surplus for the year is £2,498k compared to a budgeted surplus of £2,037k, a positive variance of £461k.
- There have been no RIDDOR events within HH and no RIDDOR events at our development sites.
- We recently engaged an independent organisation to undertake an audit of our driver and vehicle standards. This resulted in a number of recommendations in relation to the management of the fleet, drivers, vehicles and vehicle maintenance. These have now been reviewed and an action plan has been developed.
- We continue to demonstrate strong performance and control across all health and safety compliance areas.
- The new health and safety management system (SHE) has been mobilised with the build and configuration now complete and on schedule to go live on time in early February.
- We have delivered 201 new homes (31% of our current programme) with 69% of homes in our secured or active development pipeline.
- There are 25 unsold homes within the HH Group (HH and OSUK) amounting to $\pounds 2,341k$. This is an increase of seven homes ($\pounds 743k$) from the previous quarter. 23 of the 25 homes have been reserved.

Customer Forum

Board members received an update on the work of the Customer Forum covering the following areas:

- Recent changes to the way the Forum operate and its links with other customer groups
- Communications and membership
- Future plans

The Chair of the Forum commented that the Forum is well supported by Halton Housing and adding that good communication between Board and the Forum is important.

Fire Safety Management Policy

Board approved the Fire Safety Management Policy noting that it reflects a good holding position until the content of the Building Safety Bill is confirmed.

New Scheme Approval

Board approved a new scheme in Runcorn that will provide 33 affordable rented homes.

This is an exciting opportunity for HH and demonstrates our continued commitment to building much needed new homes during these unprecedented times.

Proptech Innovation Network

Board was informed that we have been accepted on to the Proptech Innovation Network's (PIN) Advisory Board, to support and drive change in the social housing sector.

The advisory board of five members comprises other housing providers, the National Housing Maintenance Forum and the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC).

PIN is the only dedicated network focused on technological solutions for social housing and supports housing providers to find new ways of managing homes, assessing the effectiveness of new technologies and how they can drive better value for the organisation and its residents.