Homes & Communities Agency

The social housing regulator

<u>PUBLIC MINUTES</u> of the Regulation Committee meeting held on 27 April 2015 at 10am Marsham Street, London

Present

Julian Ashby Jonathan Adlington Richard Moriarty Ceri Richards Sarah Wall	Chairman
In attendance Matthew Bailes Isabella Freeman Andrew Rose Bronwen Rapley Jonathan Walters Mick Warner	Director of Regulation Head of Legal Services & Company Secretary HCA Chief Executive Deputy Director Investigation and Enforcement Deputy Director Strategy & Performance Deputy Director Operations
Jim Bennett John O'Mahony Will Perry	Assistant Director, Regulation Strategy (item 7) Assistant Director, Regulatory Framework & Performance (items 8 & 9) Assistant Director Commercial and New Entrants (item 10)
Christine Kitchen	Assistant Board Secretary

1 Welcome and apologies

01/04/15 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Agenda items were taken in the following sequence: item 1-5, 8-13, 6 & 7, but have been minuted in order of the published agenda.

2 Declarations of Interest

02/04/15 No Declarations of Interest were made from those present.

3 Minutes of the last meeting – 23 March 2015

- 03/04/15 The confidential minutes were APPROVED subject to the addition of the solicitor in the attendee list and the removal of the duplication of the note in respect of Piers Williamson leaving the committee.
- 04/04/15 The public minutes were APPROVED subject to the same changes as in the confidential minutes and amendments to 50/03/15 and 51/0315.

4 Matters Arising

- 05/04/15 22/01/15 Accounting Direction for Social Housing it was confirmed that it was out for consultation.
- 06/04/15 52/03/15 Scheme of Delegations agenda item for May meeting.

5 Committee forward look

07/04/15 The forward planner was NOTED. Members asked that a session is added **CK** either at the May/June agenda on the post-election landscape.

6 Regulation Director's update on key issues

- 16/04/15 OCP members were advised that the Q4 IDA pilots were near completion and had gone well. Feedback on our approach to the process has been positive. There has been a lot of learning and the focus now was on scoping and project managing the next 10 pilots to be carried out during Q1.
- 17/04/15 It was AGREED that the topics of the September 2015 workshop would be **MW** lessons learned/outcomes of the Q1 pilots.

7 HCA Review of Legislation

19/04/15 Members considered the recommendations set out in paper.

8 Quarter 4 Performance Report

25/04/15 There was discussion about the 2015/16 targets and what impact OCP, introduction of IDA's etc would have. It was AGREED that there would need to be a different set of metrics for the coming year.

9 Strategic Risk Review

- 27/04/15 Members were advised that this report had been reviewed by Executive and **JOM** the risks listed were current. Substantive changes to register were listed for members to note. And a fuller and more fundamental review is being undertaken and a report will be submitted to Committee in October.
- 31/04/15 Members asked that a legend was added to the risk register to give JOM explanations of the ratings and to consider simplifying the way the register is presented in the fundamental review due for October.

10 Private Finance Update

- 32/04/15 The Committee noted the paper and were given a further update. It had been a quiet quarter and continues to be in the lead up to the election.
- 33/04/15 There had been three large bond issues, three new ratings issued by S&P and one by Moody's and one withdrawal by Fitch.

11 Major Financial Failure

38/04/15 Members noted the paper which invited them to agree the proposals for maintaining and updating preparedness for a major financial failure.

12 Regulatory Judgements

- 41/04/15 Members NOTED there have been nine regulatory judgements published .
- 42/04/15 Seven providers had retained their G1/V1 straplines. .
- 43/04/15 There had been 69 viability assessments finalised with 63 providers confirmed with V1 ratings, and the remaining 6 received a rating of V2.

13 Investigation and Enforcement Update

Intensive regulatory engagement cases

52/04/15 It was AGREED to include further discussion on this in the workshop session **BR** on systemic failures scheduled for the May meeting.

Consumer Regulation

53/04/15 DDI&E reported that work had begun on the Consumer Regulation Review and asked members to comment on the proposed themes set out in the paper.

14 Any Other Business

53/03/15 None.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18 May 2015.