

The social housing regulator

PUBLIC MINUTES

of the Regulation Committee meeting held on 26th January at 10am Marsham Street, London

Present

Julian Ashby

Chairman

Richard Moriarty

Jonathan Adlington Piers Williamson

(agenda items 1 – 13 only)

Sarah Wall Ceri Richards

In attendance

Andrew Rose HCA Chief Executive Matthew Bailes Director of Regulation

Bronwen Rapley Deputy Director Investigation and Enforcement

Mick Warner Deputy Director Operations

Jonathan Walters Deputy Director Strategy & Performance

Isabella Freeman Lawyer

John O'Mahony Assistant Director Regulatory Framework and Performance

(Item 11 & 12)

Sandy Pacek Head of Performance Management (Items 11 & 12)

Will Perry (Items 8-9) Kelsey Walker (Item 13)

Sara Le-Surf Secretariat Assistant

1 Welcome and apologies

01/01/15 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies

received.

2 Declarations of Interest

02/01/15 No Declarations of Interest were made.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December

03/01/15 The minutes of the meeting were AGREED as an accurate record of the

meeting subject to minor changes.

04/01/15 The Committee AGREED the proposed public minutes subject to some

further redactions.

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4	Matters Arising					
04/01/15	Members NOTED the matters arising.					
5	Committee forward look					
05/01/15	Members NOTED the forward planner and suggested some further items.					
6	Regulation Director's update on key issues					
06/01/15	Select Committee – Members were informed that a letter was prepared before Christmas in response to the further information requested by the Select Committee, however further supplementary questions were received on 6 th January and a response is due to be sent imminently.	MB				
08/01/15	VFM Moderation – Members received and update on the 2014 VFM self-assessments and were informed that the resulting judgements and regulatory notices would be published on 18 th February.					
09/01/15	Regulatory Framework – All documents are finalised and will be published on 30^{th} January.					
12/01/15	Media Coverage & Stakeholders – Members were informed about the latest media and stakeholder engagement.					
7	HCA-I Protocol and Relationship with Public Sector Investors					
8	Accounting Direction for Social Housing					
21/01/15	At the December Regulation Committee Members agreed the principles for a new Accounting Direction for Social Housing. The Deputy Director for Strategy and Performance presented a report which addressed the key points made by members, along with a draft Accounts Direction.					
22/01/15	Members considered and APPROVED the proposed new Accounting Direction subject to paragraph 9 being clarified to state that PRPs will be required to certify compliance with the standards throughout the year. In the first year of implementation providers would be expected to certify compliance in the financial year following the publication of the Regulatory Framework. It was further AGREED that the consultation period will be for 12 weeks and to delegate the sign off of the final documentation for consultation to the Deputy Director for Strategy and Performance.	JW				
9	Private Finance Update					
23/01/15	Regulation Committee agreed the Private Finance Strategy in October 2014	WP				

and a key part of the strategy was the gathering and sharing of private finance market information to inform regulatory decisions, policy and practice. Members were asked to consider the Private Finance Profile which had been developed to share with Committee, Executive and staff on a quarterly basis.								
Members NOTED the Private Finance Profile and RECOMMENDED								

24/01/15 Members NOTED the Private Finance Profile and RECOMMENDED amendments to paragraph 8 which related to LIBOR, to reflect developments since the drafting of the paper and paragraph 23 on capital weightings and insolvency to provide more depth.

10 Major Financial Failure (MFF) – Project Update

27/01/15	Members	NOTED	the	report.

11 Staff Survey Action Plan

- 28/01/15 Following the presentation of the staff survey results in November, the Committee requested to review the staff survey action plan.
- 29/01/15 Members NOTED the action plan and that it will remain a live document.

12 Quarter 3 Performance Report

30/01/15 Member considered and NOTED the Quarter 3 Performance Report.

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13 Regulatory Judgements

- 31/01/15 Members NOTED that five regulatory judgements were published on the Agency's website in December.
- 32/01/15 The Deputy Director Regulatory Operations informed members six viability assessments were finalised in December where no Regulatory Judgement is to be published, all of which were confirmed as V1 judgements.
- 34/01/15 The Committee NOTED the report.

14 Investigation and Enforcement Update

43/01/15 Members NOTED the report.

15 Any Other Business

46/01/15 There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting

47/01/15 The next meeting would take place on Monday 23rd February 2015.