

**‘ONE NORBITON, WORKING TOGETHER’**

**Meeting Title:** Housing Sub Group Minutes

**Date and Time:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 2.00pm-3.30pm

**Venue Address:** Tadlow Housing District Office, Piper Road, Kingston

**Attendance:** Simon Oelman (SO) (Chair); Tony Willis (TW); Denise Parry (DP); Eleanor Jones (EJ); Michelle Bacchus (MB); Tim Bell (TB); Sheila Griffin (SG); Peter Holmes (PH); Ed Naylor (EN); John Squire (JS); Rebecca Murphy (RM); Davinder Lail (Apologies)

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| 2. | SO welcomed everyone and those present introduced themselves.  |  |
| 3. | TW and EJ gave brief overview of One Norbiton Working Together Community Working group and how sub groups came to be set up and some of the priority issues arrived at. Other points made; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The group need to make and have on-going working relationships with a number of partners inc Housing</li> <li>Simon Oelman chaired first meeting but group may want someone other than him to do so in future</li> </ul> |  |
| 4. | SO and RM gave overview of RBK Housing and touched on a number of issues that it would be beneficial for the group to be aware of  |  |

**Information**

- Housing is linked with many issues, for example Anti Social Behaviour, that cut across a variety of services ie Police
- 70% of ‘at risk’ children in the borough live in social housing
- RM responsibilities – Rental/Multi Occupancy/Empty and Vacant/Tenant Complaints/Owner Occupiers
- Energy Efficient Measure – SAP Rating 0-100 Anything less than 50 represents possible Health concerns. 69 is average in RBK properties.
- Explanation of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) – Revenue from council rents; currently Central Gov takes 31p in £ and distributes around country, this will change 01/04/12. RBK will be in a better position in the new financial year after implementation of changes around the HRA.

**Potential Action Points**

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| • Possible Private Housing profile/Status of Housing in Norbiton   | RM  |
| • Request for maps of Norbiton to be available (A3 would be best)  | TW  |
| • SO - £50K to spend in CRE and £25k in Cambridge Gardens – How can we engage residents to make decisions around how this money should be spent? | All |

- Fuel Poverty – A number of different grants are available. Highlight these for promotion within Norbiton. **All**
  - Private Sector – Private Sector Housing Consultative Committee Website **All**
  - Housing Benefit claimants analysis **TW**
  - Homelessness – High numbers sofa surfing; Winter Night shelter; JOEL Project; effect of Localism Act on RBK responsibilities. **SO/PH**
  - Great Feast (Wednesdays) – Attendees with building/construction experience, possible local employment opportunities **TW**
  - Decent Homes Standard – SO can give a presentation around this so that the group has an understanding **SO**
  - Water Square – This development will be declared surplus to requirements in February, Community involvement in what new development should look like etc **All**
  - Hogsmill Valley Masterplan – Find out where this is at currently. **SO**
- 5. Action Point** **EJ**
- EJ to bring together a list of issues that can be discussed and put forward as actions and maybe form part of an Action Plan.
- 7.** **TW**
- It was decided to have the next meeting before the next Norbiton Community Working Group which is on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. TW to look into the dates for the next and future meetings.