

TH Federation of TRAs

Agenda
22nd October 2012 - 7.00 pm
Collingwood Hall
Collingwood Street E1



1	Welcome and Apologies.
2	Minutes of September meeting and matters arising
3	Questions to Cllr. Rabina Khan
4	AOB

This meeting will as usual be held at the Collingwood Hall starting promptly at 7.00pm on 22nd October 2012.

Questions to Cllr Rabina Khan – October 2012

Question	Status/ Action
Re Residents Charter	
Jenny What steps can you take to assist the implementation of the Residents' Charter by Tower Hamlets Homes and by the RPs in the Borough, in particular where it addresses the following concerns of TRAs:- (a) Rent levels? (b) Flexibility of tenure? (c) Protecting TRAs and individual residents from being bullied or harassed by a landlord when they whistle-blow on an estate? (d) Persuading RPs to follow the example of THH by providing or paying for a facility where TRAs can meet?	
Re EastendHomes	

It would appear that what you requested of EEH Senior Management in your letter of 21.12.11 has not been adhered to. No notes have been produced of the monthly meetings with Jackie Odunoye, and there is no sign of an improvement in democratic processes on EEH estates in Mile End. Do you have an action plan to remedy this situation?	
Re Health and Well-Being Board	
Myra Why is there no representative of residents on the Tower Hamlets Health and Well-Being Board? The Housing Forum has a seat on the Board; why cannot the Federation have the same?	
Re Community Halls	
Uche What is the Council prepared to do about non-THH TRAs that have nowhere to meet? Will it influence social landlords either to provide a facility or to pay for a local hall hire?	
Phil Given that TRAs already have to pay gas and electricity charges for community halls that they run voluntarily, what success have you had in your discussions with Cabinet colleagues to help hall managers?	
Re RSLs	
Jenny How will you monitor the RSLs' consultation on Tenancy Strategy to ensure that it is representative? In how many languages is the Strategy being made available for the consultation process?	
Re Asbestos removal	
See mail and send mail How does the Council ensure that the £3.5m spent annually on asbestos removal is spent effectively?	
Re Access	
Claire How will Tower Hamlets ensure developers are building inclusive properties that meet the housing needs of the Borough's wheelchair users at letting stage, particularly in the light of the proposed withdrawal of Section 106 money and the impact this will have on social housing?	
Re Tower Hamlets Homes	
Mark THH and the Council have commissioned feasibility work on the development of a number of infill sites on nine THH estates. Could you please update us on which estates have been selected, the specific locations chosen, and supply a breakdown of the proposed tenure of any newbuild? What consultation was taken with TRAs and/or residents before and during the preparation of the feasibility study?	
Nick check What steps are you taking to ensure that, when leaseholders pay for maintenance of their blocks, work has been done commensurate with what they have been charged?	