

**A MEETING OF THE HOUSING BOARD
WAS HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2020**

Councillors Mrs Batty, Beavis, Burgess, Mrs Cully, Foster-Reed, Hammond, Hook (Substituting for Scard), Mrs Hook (Substituting for Murphy), Hutchison, Mrs Jones, Mitchell, Mrs Morgan, Pepper and Westerby

6. APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE

Apologies for non attendance were received from Councillors Murphy and Scard

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE HOUSING BOARD HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th September 2020 be signed as a true and correct record.

9. DEPUTATIONS - STANDING ORDER 3.4

There were none

10. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none

11. EXTENSION TO THE NOVUS CONTRACT

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Housing requesting that the Board approve a 12 month extension to the existing External Painting and Communal Area Redecoration Contract between the Council and Novus Property Solutions.

Members were reassured that the work was currently monitored, and issues and complaints are dealt with through the normal processes.

Members were complimentary about the standard of work in the Sheltered Schemes.

Members were advised that because most of the work currently being undertaken was external, it had been able to continue following risks assessments.

Members were keen to ensure that residents understood who was carrying out which works to ensure that any complaints were correctly assigned to either Kier or Novus.

Members felt that an extension to the contract would reassure the workers, in these unsure times, that they had employment as least until September 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves a 12 month extension to the existing External Painting and Communal Area Redecoration (Including Associated Repair Works) Contract between the Council and Novus Property Solutions Limited from 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022 and delegates authority to the Head of Housing and Borough Solicitor to finalise all the necessary documentation

12. AMENDMENT TO THE ALLOCATION SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Housing requesting the Housing Board approve amendments to the Allocation Scheme.

Members wished to congratulate the Housing Manager on the thoroughness of the report and how it had given very clear guidance to the Allocation Scheme.

RESOLVED: That the Board:

- i) Approves deletion of subsection 15.5 of the Allocation Scheme
- ii) Approves amendment to the Allocation Scheme and Banding Scheme relating to Exceptional Circumstances.

13. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There were none

CHAIRMAN

Concluded at 6.15 pm