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Board Meeting Summary



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Governance Appointments

Board approved the reappointment of Clive Deadman as Group Board Chair for a second term of three years up to 2025.

Kevin Williams was reappointed as Group Board Vice Chair; Leigh Wylie was appointed as Audit and Risk Committee Chair and Jennifer Halliday was reappointed to Remuneration and Nominations Committee Chair.

Social Housing Rent Increase 2023/24

Board was advised that the government has launched a consultation on proposals to limit rent increases to below CPI+1% for 2023/24. The proposals being consulted upon are an increase of either 3%, 5% or 7% effective from 1st April 2023.

These proposals will have a significant and challenging effect on our finances. They will require us to make difficult choices about investment and expenditure priorities if we are to maintain viability and compliant with regulatory standards.

Board received an update on the work that is being done by the Leadership Team to assess the impact and identify mitigation actions.

Different scenarios are being developed and a session with Board was agreed for 24th October to discuss the range of potential mitigating actions.

The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (Amendment) Regulations 2022

Board was informed that we have been working toward this standard for some time and we are on target to meet the new regulations when they come into force on 1st October 2022.

Our compliance policies have been updated to reflect the new regulations. We will also include performance within our Compliance Scorecard which is reported to Board quarterly.

Other items

Board approved the adoption of the NHF Code of Conduct, reviewed the outcome of the annual Board effectiveness review and received an update of progress for the People Strategy.