

September 2017

The Board met on 7th September 2017 at Bridge Mills Business Centre in Kendal.

The meeting was attended by eleven Board Directors. Five Board Director Designates attended the meeting as observers following a recent successful Board Director recruitment exercise.

The Chairman referred to the recent merger of Two Castles and Derwent & Solway Housing Associations. The Association was now known as Castles & Coasts. The Chairman had written to the Chair to congratulate them and to continue to look for partnering and collaborative opportunities. He also thanked the three Board Directors for their contributions as it would be their last Board meeting.

The Chief Executive referred to recent publicity surrounding the plans for Ulverston Town Hall and the difficulties in finding suitable properties for the refugee programme. She also referred to partnership opportunities which were being explored.

The Board approved;

- The Annual Report & Financial Statements 2017
- The acceptance of the Auditors Management Letter, SLH response and the Audit Representation Letter for 2017
- The Value for Money (VfM) Self-Assessment 2017
- Further progression of the development partnership with SLDC
- The commencement of delivering the 'Help Around You' Independent Living Service
- The plans to formally consult staff on changes to Terms & Conditions
- A range of governance actions including; a 2018 timetable of meetings, process for selecting the new Board Chair, the appointment of Committee/Panel members, the Board appraisal process and the timeframe of appointment of the Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee
- A Rent & Compliance Report

The following reports were noted;

- Quarter 1 Finance Report
- Governance & Financial Viability Standard Code of Practice self-assessment
- Quarter 1 Performance & Risk Report (where further details can be seen <https://www.southlakeshousing.co.uk/about-us/corporate-services/>)
- Audit & Risk Committee notes
- Development Panel notes