

Board Meeting – September 2018

The Board met on 27th September 2018 at Bridge Mills Business Centre in Kendal. The meeting was attended by ten Board Directors.

Directors took part in SLH's first electronic meeting using the new Convene system.

The Board agreed the following;

- The Chair reported that he had attended the 2018 Housing Summit and heard the Prime Minister sharing her appreciation of the work that housing associations do. This was also the first time that any prime minister had addressed a housing conference.
- Cath Purdy presented the 'Green Paper' report which was to provoke "a nationwide conversation on social housing". Supply was still a main focus, but the real issues are whether housing associations are listening to tenants. Has the Board a line of sight on tenant services, how housing associations help in the community and effective resolution of complaints.
- The Board approved the latest Development Update report, with plans for 300+ homes over the next 4 years. This includes Ulverston Town Hall, High Sparrowmire Lane, Boon Town, Parkside Road, together with S106 schemes and a number of other sites at pre-planning stage.
- The Board considered a report from external advisors about Board remuneration. The levels are very low but there are advantages in attracting new skills, ensuring better accountability and other local associations offer it. The Board approved the principle of remuneration was but asked to receive a further paper outlining the options and an implementation process.
- A range of reports including; Shareholder Policy, Strategy & Policy Framework, Disposal & Stock Option Appraisal Policy, Assets & Liabilities Register, Stock Condition report, CH&PS update etc.