

**MINUTE OF GWAHA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2021
AT 6:00 PM, HYBRID MEETING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE AND IN GWAHA OFFICES, 5 ROYAL CRESCENT,
GLASGOW**

PRESENT:

Nicola Adams
Steve Bruce
Anne Campbell
Issie Gracie
Nina MacNeill
Joginder Makar
Amy Robertson
Billy Robertson
Yushin Toda (Chair)

ATTENDING:

Elaine Travers, Chief Executive
Iain Nicholl, Corporate Director
Daniel Wedge, Technical Director¹

APOLOGIES:

Anila Ali

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Joe Heaney

OBSERVERS:

WELCOME

- 1.0 The Chairperson noted apologies, introduced and welcomed all MCMs to the meeting; and confirmed the order of business. The general interest of Tenant Members, and GWEn service users, along with the specific interests of E Travers as a GWEn Board Member were noted. Members were mindful of their responsibilities as Trustees, accordingly, the Secretary confirmed it was appropriate that Members did not withdraw from the meeting.

CORPORATE

2.0 Minutes

2.1 Management Committee Meeting: 7 September 2021

2.1.1 Adoption of Minute

The minute of the meeting was unanimously accepted as a correct record, without amendment; proposed by N MacNeill and seconded by A Robertson.

2.2 MC Action Plan Compliance

Report No. 1 was considered and progress and compliance noted.

3.0 Governance

3.1 Execution Of Documents

There were none

3.2 Membership Applications

There were none

3.3 Registers: Compliance Reporting

Report No.3 was considered, with Members noting MC report 07/09/21 as the most recent update against NEs 1003649 and 1004349. The NE 22287 report was considered, with Members accepting the recommendations from the investigation, and acknowledging full compliance with the Protocol. Members agreed the parties should be alerted to the conclusion of the investigation, with reinstatement of the MCM in question; and with thanks to the resigning MCM for service to the MC.

¹ Items 1.0-2.2, 3.5 and 5.0

There were no EPBs, SAR, FOI or EIRs to report; and scrutiny of the H&S Register (non-NEs) was remitted to Sub-Committees as appropriate.

3.4 Strategy Review Planning

Report No. 4 was considered. Members agreed the principles for optimising the programme through one (remote) session on Tuesday, 26/10/21, with the Agenda to be finalised early October to reflect the pertinent strategic matters.

3.5 Health & Safety Compliance

Report No. 5 was considered, with performance and actions and ongoing covid-19 service controls noted in the context of Member's statutory responsibility for H&S. Optimising ventilation was highlighted by a MCM as an additional, important covid control; and, reflecting the age profile of the Hyndland residents, there was agreement to explore potential for a local defibrillator.

3.6 OSCR Trustee Duties Compliance

Report No. 6 was considered. Members acknowledged their duties and responsibilities as Charity Trustees and confirmed full compliance with OSCR's guidelines.

3.7 Annual Assurance Statement 2021

Report No.7 was presented, with reference to the SFHA toolkit, and examples of material non-compliances as reported by RSLs in the 2020 statements. A summary of GWHA's evidence bank was reviewed alongside a draft statement for 2021, with note to the live NEs; the recently approved Equalities and Human Rights Strategy; and covid/BREXIT impacts on the EESSH and SHQS compliance projects. Mindful of the AAS submission timeline, Members agreed flexibility to finalise the Statement on receipt of the impending systems audit report, and ideally with insight from the SHR regulatory status review.

4.0 Finance

4.1 Management Accounts to 31 July 2021

Members considered Report No. 8, approving unanimously the Management Accounts, acknowledging the positive outcome, as anticipated, and noting:

- Ongoing covid service curtailment influencing management expenses and surplus;
- Strong financial viability; fully cashed backed net current assets; and lender covenant compliance.

In response to MCM queries, the following was confirmed:

- Frequency of reporting aligned to MC schedule, and consented by lenders.
- Regeneration services provided via SLA (not capitalised)
- Capitalised spend to be referenced in future reporting

4.2 Treasury Management Policy

Report No.9 was considered, with Members reflecting on 2020/21 performance and compliance, and endorsing the risk averse approach. Members noted the marked increase on interest received on investments, and loan account interest exceeding target; and, alert to the financial climate and forecasts, approved unanimously the Policy, PIs and externally validated financial institutions for 2021/22.

4.3 SHAPS: Financial Strength Assessment

Members considered Report No.10, acknowledging trends, ongoing sound performance and continued low risk assessment. The 2020 balance sheet data entry was corrected from 0.17 to 1.88.

SERVICES

5.0 Technical

5.1 EESSH 2 Impact Evaluation

Report No.11 was considered, with Members noting current and projected EESSH compliance, and

SHR reporting against NE 1003649. The EESSH2 criteria was considered alongside the investment initiatives and action plan, and there was discussion around the sector wide challenges ahead, including property construction complexities, BREXIT/Covid impact on programme delivery, and the proposed restrictions on social housing lets below EPC Band D from December 2025. Members were satisfied that GWA's EES focus on maximising EE, reducing fuel poverty and optimising regulatory compliance was appropriate and proportionate at this time; and there was agreement for ongoing review and oversight of the Strategy to reflect technological advancements and innovative sector responses.

5.2 Telecoms Mast – Lease Review Update

Members considered Report No. 12, noting the impact of the changes to the telecommunications code; and exploring the 3rd party offer and risks, and legal advice. The proposed lease terms were approved subject to homeowner engagement, and with suggestion that homeowners may consider participating in the enhanced CCTV project with the proceeds of this unexpected windfall.

OTHER BUSINESS

6.0 Any Other Urgent Business

There was none.

7.0 Items For Future Agendas

As per Committee Plans

8.0 Date Of Next Meeting

Strategy Review: Tuesday, 26 October 2021

CLOSE