

Summary of the BHA Board Meeting September 19 2019

1. Aaron Elliot (Vice Chair) opened the meeting with thanks to Martyn Waring, who could not attend his final meeting as chair, for all of his hard work, leadership and dedication to BHA over the years and wished him all the best in his retirement. Aaron welcomed the appointment of **BHA's new chair, Sean McLaughlin.**
2. Board members reviewed **BHA's financial statements** for the year ending March 2019 which were presented by BHA's auditors, Mazars. Mazars reported that there were minimal adjusted errors and they were satisfied with BHA's work
3. Susan French, presented the **Chief Executive's report** which covered updates on:
 - An encouraging meeting with **Islington Council** to discuss their policy of selling small sites to organisations best placed to deliver good quality housing.
 - BHA's new chair, Sean McLaughlin, had attended meetings with the **Tenants & Residents Association** and the **Barnsbury Ward Councillors** recently and held positive discussions.
 - Chris Bell and Janice Walsh were appointed **resident board members** and a third resident, Fenan Emmanuel, joined the Audit & Risk Committee.
 - There was no update on the **Morland Mews Garages** development. BHA await to hear from Islington Council on this planning application.
4. The board were updated on the **Operations and Health & Safety**. The board were encouraged to hear that staff had received training on personal safety. There are also estate inspections being carried out every 6 months, with tenants to be invited to attend these in the future.
5. The board approved a **policy review** on learning and development which outlined BHA's approach to training and qualifications for staff and board members.
6. The board then heard an update on **Performance Review**. The board were encouraged to note that Rent arrears were at 3.2% - their lowest level for several years. This has been achieved whilst also continuing to offer support to any residents struggling to pay their rent.