# Poplar Board

Summary of a meeting held on 26th November2024

## Board Members present:

Paul Brickell (Chair)
Sade Koiki
Kyle Rosevear
Alexandra Woolmore
Susmita Sen
Shabana Yousaf
Momtaz Ajid
Naz Hussain
Razia Nizamuddin – *appointed at the meeting*

## Consent agenda

The Board meeting was observed by the Regulator of Social Housing. This is part of the regulatory inspection process.

## Consent agenda

The Board approved all items on the consent agenda including agreeing that Poplar HARCA's procurement strategy and whistleblowing policy.

## Devons Hall

The Board agreed the sale of Devons Hall to the Bromley by Bow Bangladeshi Forum and Muslim Cultural Centre.

## Aberfeldy Programme

The Aberfeldy programme is completed in a step wise manner to release resources in phases. The Board reviewed the proposal to commence the next step of the programme and approved the release of the next tranche of funding (50% of the total cost of stage 3). This will cover the period January 2025- June 2025.

## Internet of Things (IoT)

The Board received an update on IoT programme, which contributes to the Safer and Greener, Smarter Strategy. Additional budget was approved for the continuation of the programme.

## Building Safety Management

The Poplar HARCA Board is the principle accountable person for building safety. They received an update from the Deputy Director of Technical Resources on the Building Safety Management System.

## Annual Risk Review

The Board reviewed the risks that Poplar HARCA faces.

## People Strategy

The Board approved the People strategy and endorsed the focus on performance, talent and leadership, and diversity, equity and inclusion.
Building Safety Management

## Finance Director's Update

The Board received an update from the Finance Director, including:

- Poplar HARCA's long term credit rating of A-
- Poplar HARCA's refinancing
- Interest Cover
- Value for Money Strategy

## Governance Update – Change to Terms of Reference

The Board approved the terms of reference:

- Communities and Neighbourhood Trust – new
- Services Committee - additions
- Finance & Investment Committe – additions

## Achieving the Vision

The Chief Executive updated the Board on how Poplar HARCA continues to achieve the vision set out by the Board.

## Information items

The Board received a range of for information items to assure the board continues to achieve outcomes that ensure strong foundations, service satisfaction and a committed workforce.

Aisha Lalloo
Company Secretary