Poplar Board

Summary of a meeting held on 30th November 2021

Board Members present:

Paul Brickell (Chair)	John Norman	Simon Turek
Sade Koiki	Tanya Martin	Alexandra Woolmore
Matthew Rowe	Shabana Yousaf	Momtaz Ajid
Kyle Rosevear		

Consent agenda

The Board approved all items on the consent agenda.

Financial items

The Board received an update on the financial performance of Poplar HARCA including the Capital Monitoring Report and the financial performance. The Board also received a Budget Parameters report.

Stroudley Walk

The Board agreed that in the event that the Development agreement between Muse and Poplar HARCA never becomes unconditional, the Board agreed to underwrite the cost of the enabling works contract to a maximum sum of £1.6 Million.

External Governance Evaluation

The Board commissioned an external evaluation of governance by 21st Century Housing Governance. They received a detailed report on the current structures of Poplar HARCA and discussed the suggested recommendations to enhance the governance structure going forward. The Board will receive an action plan in March 2022.

Carbon Neutral Strategy

The Board received options to bring the business to a carbon neutral position as soon as possible. The Board made a decision on how to do this. They will receive further options to address the path to carbon neutral homes.

Achieving the Vision

The Board:

a) Considered the Strategic Decision Making timetable in 3.1 and the 21/26 Decision Making Roadmap in 3.2
b) Noted the decision of the recent adjudication and next steps in regards to Balfron Tower in 6.1
c) Noted the strategic implications of the 2022/23 social rent increase in 8.3.
d) Noted progress being made with fire safety work

Other information reports noted at the meeting:

- Corporate Services update
- Value for Money Action Plan
- Residents' Annual Report 2021
- Regulator of Social Housing Sector Risk Profile 2021
- Housing Ombudsman Service Spotlight on Damp and Mould