

## Housing Services Customer Engagement Commitments 2018-2020

## WHY WE ARE COMMITTED TO TENANT & LEASEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

## Tenant engagement leads to:



Improved customer focus



Increased customer satisfaction



Better value for money



Better service design



Informed budget and investment decisions



Fewer complaints

\*TPAS National Engagement Survey 2017

## **OUR KEY AIMS FOR CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT:**

#### We will:

Give customers a wide range of opportunities to influence and be involved in the Housing Service.

Work with tenants & leaseholders to ensure there is a customer focused service.

Ensure customers are involved when developing housing related policies and priorities.

Involve customers in decision making processes and the setting of service standards.

Enpower customers to scrutinise the performance of the Housing Service.

Be supportive of the ambitions for customer involvement as outlined by the Regulator of Social Housing.

Offer opportunities to assist tenants' volunteering, personal development & employment goals.

### **WE WILL SUPPORT CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT BY:**



Promoting tenant panels and tenant groups and supporting their activities.



Providing relevant Housing performance information to enable effective scrutiny by

Providing customers with an annual report on housing.



Providing information to customers about key issues which affect their tenancies and the service they receive.

Recognising that tenants' groups, although supported by the Housing Service, are independent bodies who can choose which parts of the service they want to review.



Providing training opportunities to give customers the skills, knowledge and confidence to be engaged at the level they choose.



Offering financial assistance to tenants and Tenant Associations involved in customer engagement activities which are supported by the Tenant Engagement Team.



Providing a Tenant Engagement Team and dedicated staff to encourage, develop and support customers involved in customer engagement.

While these commitments refer mainly to tenants and leaseholders as our customers, they also apply to people who may become our customers or may be involved with the service at different times and under different circumstances.

## MAKING SURE OUR CUSTOMERS ARE CONSULTED

We recognise our legal obligation to consult tenants if they are significantly affected by changes of: Management, maintenance, improvement or demolition, practice and policy

We will ensure our customers have a wide range of opportunities to influence and be involved in the

management of their homes as outlined by the Regulator of Social Housing.

#### WE WILL PROVIDE A RANGE OF CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT OPTIONS Some examples of our current customer engagement opportunities include: **Block and** Leaseholder **Tenant** Mystery **Street Reps Inspectors Shoppers** Forum Tenant Supported **Estate** Focus Scrutiny Walkabouts Groups **Panel** Forum Green Tenant **Tenants Tenant Space** Resources Repair Associations **Monitors** Group **Panel**

We will constantly review our involvement activities & support new engagement methods encouraged by our customers.

## **WE WILL KEEP OUR CUSTOMERS INFORMED**

### Please look out for:

**Annual Report** 



Conferences



Noticeboards



Calendar of events



Online information in Tenants' Link and on the website



Social media - Facebook and Twitter













## **KEY FACTS AND FIGURES**

Our tenants contribute to National Housing Policy

## We deliver IT training sessions on:

Introduction to iPads

Facebook

Staying Safe Online

**Digital Photos** 

Finding Your Way Around the SCC Website

**Smartphone Training** 

Instagram & Pinterest

Blogging

66% are satisfied that Housing gives them the opportunity to make their views known\*

65% of our tenants are online\*

**76%** of our tenants think Housing is good at keeping them informed\*

# Tenants have reviewed our performance on:

Anti Social Behaviour

Adaptations

**Customer Care** 

**CAREline Responding** 

Decent Neighbourhoods Service

**Empty Properties** 

Housing spending plans

Complaints

Service Level Agreements

\*SCC Housing Tenants Survey 2017

## **FUTURE ACTIONS**



We will demonstrate how Customer Engagement leads to value for money and a better housing service



We will help customers get the most out of the internet