Minute of the Hybrid Meeting of the Board of Management of Langstane Housing Association Limited held on 21 September 2022 at 1.30pm

Present:	In Person: M Martin J Knowles A Stevenson
	Remote: J Fraser I Jamieson
In Attendance:	In Person: H Gauld, Chief Executive L Macfarlan, Director of Finance and Corporate Services A Bruce, Executive Assistant (Minutes)
Apologies:	J Drummond G Urquhart J Sutherland, Director of Housing M Ballance, Director of Property

1. Apologies

The apologies noted above had been intimated to the meeting.

2. Langstane Housing Association Limited - Nominations for the Election of

2.1 Chairperson

L Macfarlan, Company Secretary, took the Chair and invited nominations for Chairperson. On the motion of A Stevenson, seconded by J Knowles, M Martin was nominated, accepted and took the Chair.

2.2 Vice Chairperson

On the nomination of J Fraser, seconded by M Martin, J Knowles was nominated and accepted the post of Vice Chairperson. The appointment would provide a level of continuity and J Knowles asked the Board to consider succession planning.

2.3 Company Secretary

L Macfarlan was re-appointed Company Secretary for Langstane Housing Association and its subsidiaries.

2.4 Depute Company Secretary

H Gauld was re-appointed Depute Company Secretary for Langstane Housing Association and its subsidiaries.

3. Membership of Committees and Subsidiaries

3.1 Emergency Committee

The Board agreed membership of the Emergency Committee would, as in previous years, be the Office Bearers and Convenors of the Committees. This included Office Bearers, M Martin and J Knowles and the Convenors of the Joint Audit and Governance, People and Performance Committees who would be appointed at the Committees' first meeting following the AGM.

3.2 Joint Audit and Governance Committee

J Drummond was not present at the meeting but members intimated their wish he continue as Convenor. This will be decided at the first meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee following the AGM.

As had previously been the practice, the Vice Chairperson would receive the Audit Committee papers.

In response to the question, J Fraser confirmed he did not wish to join the Audit Committee.

3.3 People Committee

The Board noted all existing members present wished to continue to serve the Committee. A Stevenson intimated her willingness to continue to serve as Convenor. This will be decided at the first meeting of the People Committee following the AGM.

3.4 Performance Committee

The Board noted all existing members present wished to continue to serve the Committee. M Martin intimated his willingness to continue to serve as Convenor. This will be decided at the first meeting of the Performance Committee following the AGM.

G Urquhart had not intimated she would be stepping down. It was therefore assumed she would continue her membership. This would be confirmed.

3.5 Langstane Property Limited

All existing members present agreed to continue to serve the Board.

C Lynch had not intimated he would be stepping down and members intimated their wish for him to be re-appointed as Chairperson.

M Martin, in his capacity as Chairperson of Langstane Housing Association, intimated he would be willing to become a non-executive Director of the Board of Langstane Property Limited.

J Knowles confirmed he was willing to remain a non-executive Director of Langstane Property Limited.

There was brief discussion on attendance at meetings with the Chief Executive agreeing to discuss any attendance issues with individual members.

4. Langstane Property Limited - Nominations for Election of

4.1 Chairperson

Members re-appointed C Lynch as Chairperson.

4.2 Company Secretary

Members re-appointed L Macfarlan as Company Secretary

4.3 Depute Company Secretary

Members re-appointed H Gauld as Depute Company Secretary.

In an unrelated matter it was suggested some time be given during the coming year to consider the efficiency of the governance structure. The structure had been revised to spread decision making and lessen the burden on the Board of Management. This needed to be reviewed to ensure this was still the case.

5. Unaudited Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 March 2022:

5.1 Langstane Developments Limited

The Board considered and approved the unaudited Financial Statements for the currently dormant Langstane Developments Limited. The Statements had been signed on behalf of the Board by H Gauld and will be submitted to Companies House.

5.2 Langstane Maintenance Limited

The Board considered and approved the unaudited Financial Statements for the currently dormant Langstane Maintenance Limited. The Statements had been signed on behalf of the Board by H Gauld and will be submitted to Companies House.

6. Financial Reports to 31 July 2022

The Board noted the reports as presented. Speaking to them, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services drew attention to the key areas of focus. Namely voids, the impact of the recent staffing on the financial position, the increase in interest payable and the overspend on heating. The latter being the result of the Association being ahead of its planned maintenance programme. All areas would be closely monitored.

In respect of voids, the Board was informed the previous Chairperson had, this week, approved the let of 20 properties to Mears which operates the Home Office contract to provide housing and support for asylum seekers. In addition, the Association had established a Voids Working Group which the Directors of Housing and Property would lead. The let of properties to Aberdeen City Council for Ukrainian refugees is progressing. All should improve the voids position.

There was brief discussion on the impact McGills, one of the Association's contractors, going into administration. The Board was pleased to note the

Association had not suffered any major financial loss due to prudent monitoring of the situation and the works would now be dealt with by one of the other framework contractors.

A Stevenson left the meeting.

7. Approval of AFS Return to the Scottish Housing Regulator

The Board considered and approved the AFS Return which detailed the information contained within the Annual Report and Financial Statements in the format required by the Scottish Housing Regulator. The Return will be submitted to the SHR.

8. AOCB

There were no matters raised under this heading.

9. Date of Next Meeting

26 October 2022.

M Martin, on behalf of the Board, wished to convey thanks and appreciation of the commitment and hard work J Knowles and J Fraser had shown the Association.