

## **APPENDIX 5**

### **YOUR RESIDENT'S FORUM**

#### **Having a strategic input and working with the Board**

The Resident's Forum is Hexagon's only resident elected group that work with Hexagon's Board and Management on the strategies and policies of Hexagon.

The Resident's Forum has been in existence for nine years with its committee representing the voice of residents and is the first regular group established for involvement by residents. Over the years the Forum has effectively contributed and influenced key policy and strategy decisions in the areas of Hexagon's work, for example, Hexagon Corporate Plan, Value for Money Strategy, Equality and Diversity Policy (Single Equality Action Plan), Resident Involvement Policy, Financial inclusion, Community Investment Strategy, Residents Training Programme.

In 2015 the Forum welcomed a review by the Housing Quality Network which was a great opportunity to take a focused look at how it operated and its historic purpose. This highlighted the Forum's strengths and weaknesses and how its functioning can be improved. As a result the Forum has re-written its Constitution and Standing Orders, replacing its etiquette document with a comprehensive Code of Conduct and producing a Nominations and Election document.

The Forum wish to assist Hexagon in its work as a social landlord to be the best that it can be and in doing so the Forum will develop a closer relationship with the Board and will now be more pro-active, such as, taking initiatives to the Board and Managers. Whilst still working in partnership with the Resident Involvement Department the Forum will be self-managed. The Forum wishes to be pro-active and seek and represent the views and interests of all residents to Hexagon in its function as a landlord and to promote empowerment, social awareness and participation between residents and Hexagon. The Forum wish to be visible to residents so that residents are aware of its successful achievements and how working in partnership with Hexagon is maintained.

Nominations for members to the Resident's Forum committee is currently open. The Forum requires members to attend the six meetings held every year and each member attends at least one Board meeting. Membership is for a term which consists of two years and begins in September. With the many changes happening in Social Housing this can not be a better time for residents to become involved, the Forum Committee will welcome you to become part of an innovating team.