



WORK PLAN 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Meetings:

Normally we hold business meetings 11 times a year. However, in the coming year we intend to focus on recruiting new members and are considering restricting our business meetings to 5 or 6 meetings per year. This would enable us to have 5 or 6 sessions (provisionally named TP Conversations) in the hope of encouraging tenants to come and meet us and find out what we do – and what we have done. There is hope that Stirling Council officers might be involved in these Conversations.

Meetings and Conversations will be held throughout the Stirling Council area so that tenants from all areas can attend if they wish.

Our Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held on 13th May 2023 at STEP. We are hoping for a good attendance.

Training:

It is our intention to have training sessions during 2023/2024 – possibly provided by TPAS Scotland who have provided training sessions in the past.

We recently attended a training session in finance held by Stephen Clark, Head of Housing. This session was interesting and informative.

We would be keen to involve frontline and/or junior members of Stirling Council staff in attending any relevant training sessions. This, we feel, would enhance their knowledge of tenant participation.

We attend the TPAS Conference which enhances our knowledge of Housing.

Some members attended Webinars offered by TPAS.

STA members attended Consultations on-line.

Other involvements:

Several STA members and some other tenants attend meetings of the Council's Repairs Group. The next one is due to be held in May 2023.

Several members attend Housing Advisory Group meetings [HAG] where Councillors and tenants meet, with SC officers facilitating. 1 member represents the STA, the remainder represent their areas.

The STA website needs information updating, we are working with the Independent Tenant Participation worker to do this.

We produce an Annual Report for presenting at our AGM and Conference

The STA is involved with SC Policy Reviews as they arise.

The STA Constitution was reviewed and updated in May 2022.

We are involved with Housing 2020 to 2040 and Rapid Rehousing.

The STA is involved with the Rent Consultation.

The STA work with SC on the Annual Return of the Charter.

We are consulted on HRA land or buildings which are proposed for sale or lease.

We used to produce our own Newsletter twice a year but, partly owing to Covid, this has not happened recently. We are hoping to get this reinstated.

We carry out tenant-to-tenant surveys.

1 member runs our Facebook account and another our Twitter account.

We are a member of TPAS

William is intending to join Regional Networks at their AGM this year.

Members of STA, along with other interested tenants, carry out tenant-led inspections on varying sections of SC Housing Services e.g. allocations, void properties etc. Findings are then reported to Housing Services and to the Housing Advisory Group. Previously these have been organised by an independent Tenant Participation officer but this year there should be an in-house TP officer in post and we presume that they will organise tenant-led inspections.

Other items which we are always following and are involved with:

Tenant Participation and how the new policies are working

HomeLINK

Allocation Policy and Application Form

Anti-Social Behaviour and the Safer Communities team

Current TP situation:

As you know there is not a TP Officer in place, although we appreciate the help we have been receiving from Tony Kelly. It is hoped that this situation will soon be resolved satisfactorily.