



2003 - 2024
21 years of supporting Stirling Council tenants

WORK PLAN 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Meetings:

In the coming year we intend to focus on recruiting new members and are considering interspersing our business meetings with “Meet and Greet” sessions. These sessions would enable us to encourage 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 sessions.

In the current year we have recruited two new members.

Business meetings and “Meet and Greet” sessions 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 18th May 2024 at STEP Business Centre. As 2024 will mark the 21st anniversary of the formation of the STA we will be combining the Conference and AGM with some form of celebration. We are hoping for a good attendance.

Training:

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

Last year we attended a training session in finance held by Stephen Clark, Head of Housing. This session was interesting and informative, and we did request that a follow-up session could be arranged. This has not yet happened so hopefully this can take place in the coming months.

The STA’s website has been sadly neglected recently and members have been asked to volunteer to get the site updated. It is appreciated that training will be required and Kiswebs could be asked to provide this.

Some of our members attend the annual TPAS Conference which greatly enhances our knowledge of Housing.

Some members also attend online webinars offered by TPAS.

STA members attended Consultations on-line.

Other involvements:

Several STA members along with other tenants attend meetings of the Council’s Repairs Group.

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 the areas where they live.

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

The STA Constitution was reviewed and updated in May 2022 and remains in place.

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 are hoping to get the STA Newsletter reinstated – this has not been done in recent years owing to Covid restrictions.

We carry out tenant-to-tenant surveys.

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

We are a member of TPAS. STA Chair is a member of the TPAS Board and is also a member of Regional Networks

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.

STA Chair and Secretary carried out a trial of the new Housing Online project along with SC Housing Allocations Team, and all STA members will be involved in future progress, It is sincerely hoped that the project will be successful once it goes live for use by tenants.

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

As mentioned on page 1 our Tenant Participation Officer has been working and is continuing to work on the TP Strategy

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Anti-Social Behaviour and the Safer Communities team