

Committee:	Tenants and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum
Date:	22 July 2008
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Right To Manage
Responsible Officer:	Divisional Director of Housing – Gwyneth Allen
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing - Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out an update on the progress of the Right to Manage investigation in Harrow

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Section 2 – Report

FIRST Call, a government approved section 16 agency, has been working with tenants and leaseholders in Harrow since last spring to establish whether there is any interest in investigating the Right to Manage. Following a borough wide survey, in which 82% of tenants expressed an interest, a Residents' Steering

Group was set up. Other FIRST Call activities included presentations to Council staff, elected members and residents' groups and associations.

It was agreed with the Council and the Steering Group to move forward on an area basis and the borough has been divided into four areas loosely based on existing housing management areas: Central (2101 homes), East (1332 homes), West (882 homes) and South (1666 homes). This approach recognises the boroughwide support for tenant management whilst establishing 4 distinct geographical areas that could benefit from local governance and service delivery. FIRST Call staff have been door knocking and distributing newsletters to recruit members to each of the area organisations. In order for members to vote on whether the projects should move to the next stage of the Right to Manage (The Feasibility Stage), it is required by legislation that 20% of tenants and leaseholders in the defined areas join the TMO.

Following on from the completion of the recruitment drive four Area meetings are being organised at which each tenants' organisation will agree and adopt a constitution, elect a committee and members will be asked to vote whether to carry out a feasibility study into tenant management by serving a Right to Manage notice on the Council in accordance with the legislation. Members will also be able to vote via post, text or online.

It is anticipated that the four area meetings will have been held by the end of July.

Section 3 – Further Information

N/A

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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