# **Taunton Deane Borough Council**

# **Tenant Services Management Board – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012**

# **Gas and Other Heating Quarterly Monitoring Report**

Report of Property Manager- Maintenance- Steve Esau (This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Jean Adkins)

# 1. Executive Summary

The report and Appendix A have been produced to give members monitoring information on the performance of the servicing and repair contract with Alhco.

This is the first quarterly report showing performance data with the new contractor. Comments from members would be welcomed on how the information is being presented and any changes required for future reporting.

# 2. Background

TDBC has a responsibility as a landlord to ensure that all rented properties have a valid Gas Safety Certificate, an annual gas safety check has to be carried out. In order to ensure that a certificate does not become out of date we have in place a 10 month cycle, this allows for the process of gaining access to properties to be carried out before the certificate becomes overdue. It is important that this process is managed effectively by both the contractor and the client team.

In addition the contractor is responsible for the servicing of solid fuel and oil appliances together with checking electric storage heaters, servicing of extract fans, smoke detectors and breakdown repairs. Whilst there is no legislative requirement to carry out checks to solid fuel and oil appliances every 12 months it is considered good practice and we follow a 10 month cycle as happens with the gas servicing programme.

The report and appendix show performance data for all the service and repair areas with comments where necessary.

# 3. Report

This is the first of the quarterly reports to the Tenant Services Management Board for the new contract. There are a number of gaps in the performance data where it is has either not been available in time for the end of quarter reporting or particular tasks have not been carried out to date. I have made comments below on these areas.

A condition of the contract was for the contractor to have in place a computerised management system within six months of the commencement of the contract. This will provide real time reporting which will be beneficial to both the contractor and TDBC. I am pleased to inform members that the implementation of the system will happen in late July and early August ahead of schedule.

At the end of the quarter one property did not have a valid gas safety certificate. I am pleased to report access was gained and the service and safety check was carried out on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

There have been some logistical issues with the number of certificates sent to TDBC within 5 days of the service date. A report is not available at this time.

Tenant satisfaction for reactive maintenance is not available in this report, there are some complications in the way this is reported. It is hoped we can resolve this for the quarter two reporting.

To date no third party audits have been carried out. This process is due to commence in August 2012.

Financial reporting information is not available for this report, we are looking closely at this and will be reporting in detail at the end of quarter 2.

#### 4. Finance Comments

There are no financial issues arising from this report.

#### 5. Legal Comments

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

#### 6. Links to Corporate Aims

To ensure we meet our legislative responsibilities.

# 7. Environmental Implications

Heating systems that are serviced regularly work more efficiently therefore reducing C02 emissions and the environmental impact.

# 8. Community Safety Implications

There are no implications arising from this report.

# 9. Equalities Impact

This is not applicable.

### 10. Risk Management

There are significant risks associated with this area of the housing service. It is essential it is managed in a robust way. Where there are changes to legislation or working practices revised risk assessments and mapping are carried out.

# 11. Partnership Implications

There are no implications arising from this report.

#### 12. Recommendations

The Tenant Services Management Board is asked to note the report. Comments would be welcomed on how the information is being presented and any changes required for future reporting.

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