Tenant Participation Strategy Action Plan 2020 – 2023

Our Corporate Plan's Strategic Objectives

1. Our Homes

We will continue to invest in developing new homes while maintaining our existing properties to the best possible standard.

To ensure this, we will:

- 1.1 Continue to seek opportunities to meet housing need through the development of new homes.
- 1.2 Provide safe and secure places to live.
- 1.3 Review our asset management strategy to ensure our existing homes are maintained.

2. Our Services

We will ensure our services are of the highest standard and meet the needs of those that use them.

To ensure this, we will:

- 2.1 Engage with our tenants and service users to review existing services and ensure they are fit for purpose.
- 2.2 Be dynamic and develop new services to meet the challenges that our tenants will face in the future.
- 2.3 Strive to improve the quality of life and increase opportunities through the services we provide.

3. Our People

We will invest in developing the professionalism of our staff and empowering them to make a difference. We will continue to ensure our Board has the skills necessary to serve its purpose.

To ensure this, we will:

- 3.1 Provide staff resources to meet the current and future needs of the Association.
- 3.2 Develop a culture where staff and board will feel empowered and have the courage and skills to lead.
- 3.3 Provide our staff and board suitable facilities to enable them to do their job.
- 3.4 Ensure our governance and human resources processes are continually reviewed and conform with best practice

4. Our Tenants & Communities

We will meaningfully engage with our tenants, community and statutory partners to facilitate strong social inclusion and responsibility. We will continue to invest in activities that make our communities safer and more vibrant and improve opportunities for residents.

To ensure this, we will:

- 4.1 Review our Tenant Participation Strategy and provide tenants with a menu of options to give them the opportunity to engage with us.
- 4.2 Work in partnership with individuals, community and voluntary organisations and statutory agencies to improve community safety.
- 4.3 Continue to invest in and support organisations and activities that improve the quality of life and create opportunities for residents.
- 4.4 Positively promote the communities where we work.

5. Our Finances

We will continue to ensure our financial viability through good financial management and deliver value for money.

To ensure this, we will:

- 5.1 Ensure that sources of funding are available when required.
- 5.2 Robustly test our short, medium and long-term plans to ensure financial viability.
- 5.3 Imbed the principle of value for money into the decision-making process.
- 5.4 To monitor the affordability of the homes we provide.
- 5.5 Continue to contribute to the financial strength of the Apex Group.

How will our Tenant Participation Strategy complement, support and ensure the delivery of Corporate Plan's Strategic Objectives?

1. Our Homes

1.2 Provide safe and secure places to live.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
We will continue to work with our community partners to develop and support initiatives and partnerships which enhance and strengthen communities (i.e. Community Planning, Community Safety, Good Relations, etc.).	 We will continue to dedicate resources to attend multiagency partnerships meetings made up of residents, Statutory Agencies, Community & Voluntary sector, etc. We will continue to develop new partnerships or attend working groups. 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	➤ SMT/All Staff	

We will promote internal and external funding opportunities which arise.		
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2. Our Services

2.1 Engage with our tenants and service users to review existing services and ensure they are fit for purpose.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
We will continuously develop ways of improving communication and information to meet the needs of all our tenants.	 Review and improve the content on our website. Publish relevant and relatable articles on a timely basis. 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	SMT/Community Engagement Officer/All Staff	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Provide relevant information which explains important aspects of the housing	 Provide this information via various formats 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	SMT/Community Engagement Officer/All Staff	

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services and provide	(i.e. Tenant Forum		
information in a timely	briefing papers,		
manner to tenants	meetings, website,		
about what is	Facebook, annual		
happening within local	reports,		
areas.	newsletters, etc.		
	All information		
	provided will be		
	clear, concise and		
	easy to read.		
	❖ All NHA staff and		
	residents to be		
	actively		
	encouraged to		
	produce articles for		
	website,		
	newsletters, etc		
	(i.e. consult with		
	tenants at various		
	Forums, meetings,		
	etc.). This		
	consultation will		
	dictate the		
	contents which is		
	relevant and up to		
	date.		
	This information		
	will be included on		
	the website and		

	will be easy to read and navigate. We will regularly inform tenants about our housing capital investment programme, which we aim to undertake along with our performance in meeting set targets & KPI's.			
Undergo an assessment to assist us to identify whether we as an organisation involve residents effectively and help us highlight any opportunities for us to improve.	We are committed to undertake Supporting Communities new Accreditation assessment.	By end of Q.3 2020	 SMT/Community Engagement Officer/All Staff 	

2.2 Be dynamic and develop new services to meet the challenges that our tenants will face in the future.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Use up to date digital technology to provide information and services to our tenants.	Provide our tenants' and residents' associations with information about other sources of funding: and encourage tenants' and residents' associations to make the best use of information technology.	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	SMT/Community Engagement Officer/All Staff	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Appoint member(s) of NHA's Tenant Forum onto NHA's Board of Management to ensure tenants views and	 Develop current tenants with the skills and capacity to join NHA BOM. 	All by Q.4 2021	BOM, SMT & Comm.Engagement Officer	
opinions are heard.	 Ensure there is a process in place to meet DFC and other legislative 			

governance requirements.	
Source relevant training to encourage and promote individual tenant capacity building.	
Source and deliver group training events to support and sustain the Tenant Forum.	

2.3 Strive to improve the quality of life and increase opportunities through the services we provide.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Tenants will know that their opinions and views have helped Newington make changes to policies and services	 NHA staff will monitor, consider and act on feedback which will potentially raise operational standards (i.e. via survey feedback, mystery shopping evaluation, 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	 SMT/Community Engagement Officer/All Staff 	

scrutiny and policy		
reviews, etc.).		

3. Our People

3.1 Provide staff resources to meet the current and future needs of the Association.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
All staff will undergo	 All staff will 	Reviewed yearly	SMT/All Staff	
refresher T/P training;	undergo refresher			
encouraged to identify,	T/P training to			
deliver or participate in	ensure they are			
locally organised	aware of the role			
events and play a	they must play to			
pivotal role in	promote tenant			
promoting and ensuring	choice, local			
safer and cleaner	engagement,			
environments.	views, feedback			
	and thus			
	incorporate			
	measure to			
	promote and			
	enhance NHA's			
	service delivery.			
	service delivery.			
	Set outcome-			
		Throughout the lifetime	Comm.	
	based targets for	-		
	Housing Officers &	of the TPS	Engagement	
	Property Services		Officer/All Staff.	

Officers to identify, deliver or participate in other locally organised events. • Set individual targets to ensure all staff play a role in promoting and ensuring safer and cleaner environments (i.e. encourage staff to identify and develop environmental improvement initiatives to enhance specific scheme specific issues or areas).	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm. Engagement Officer/All Staff.	
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4. Our Tenants & Communities

4.1 Review our Tenant Participation Strategy and provide tenants with a menu of options which gives them the opportunity to engage with us in a way they choose to do so.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
We will continue to communicate effectively with tenants and provide good quality, accessible information that tenants	 Publish new TPS 2020 – 2023, make it accessible to all and user- friendly. 	<u>April 2020</u>	SMT/Community Engagement Officer	
want.	Publish Annual Progress Report on our Website.	By May each year from 2021 - 2023	All staff and tenants are encouraged to provide information for publications.	
	 Publish timely newsletters (twice yearly), an Annual Report and include literature which promotes tenant participation and good practice. Make best use of social media and 	June & Dec. 2020 and then biannually each year until 2023 Throughout lifetime of the TPS	➤ Tenants, staff and other community partners to provide up to date and relevant information.	

electronic communications (i.e. Facebook, twitter, email communications, etc.).	> SMT/Community Engagement Officer	
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Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Promote NHA's Menu of Involvement and incorporate measures to sustain the continually development of the Tenant Forum.	 All existing and new tenants will be regularly offered the opportunity to participate in activities which is most suitable to them. 	Throughout lifetime of the TPS	Community Eng. Officer/All relevant Staff	
	 All staff will be required to actively promote participation as part of their day to day duties. 		➤ All Staff	
	 All NHA staff are encouraged to use all forms of contact with tenants as an opportunity to 		Community Engagement Officer and all relevant Housing	

promote	Management &
participation and	Property Services
engagement.	during contact
	with tenants
	during home
	visits, office
	discussions, Post
	Ten. Visits, etc.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
Develop opportunities	 Support tenants to 	Throughout lifetime of	Comm.	
for tenant to	review, analysis	the TPS	Engagement	
meaningfully participate	and be available to		Officer/Tenants	
in various types of	complete		& HA	
engagement, which are	telephone		Departments to	
designed to evaluate	questionnaires and		review feedback	
NHA services and	satisfaction		and action	
standards.	surveys.		outcomes/findin	
	33.1373.		gs/concerns.	
	We will complete a		(Y1 – 3).	
	rolling cycle of		,	
	surveys with			
	tenants to identify			
	area or scheme			
	specific issues and			
	incorporate			
	measures to			
	eradicate areas of			

concerns that are		
identified.		

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 - Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Encourage tenants to assist us to verify findings of Satisfaction Surveys.	 We will publish findings and present a briefing paper to Tenant Forum members on an annual basis for tenant consultation and feedback. 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	SMT/Communit y Engagement Officer/All Relevant Staff	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
Take part in individual focus groups to review NHA's Services.	 We will hold individual scheme specific service reviews if/when required (i.e. to identify or implement 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	 SMT/Communit y Engagement Officer/All Relevant Staff 	

levels of satisfaction).

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Help form or join an already established Residents Groups.	We will dedicate internal resources and when required acquire external support to help Tenants who want to establish new residents' groups.	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	SMT/Communit y Engagement Officer	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
We will promote and	 This information 	Throughout the lifetime	SMT/Communit	
publish opportunities	will be published in	of the TPS	y Engagement	
for residents to engage	relevant		Officer	
in locally established	publications & via			
groups.	Social Media			
	platforms.			
		Throughout the lifetime	All Relevant	
		of the TPS	Staff	

by	a direct contact v all relevant aff.		
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Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Tenants will be actively encouraged to assist in reviewing NHA's policies.	We will complete the review of two policies annually with NHA tenants.	(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023) Annually (by end of Q.4)	SMT/Communit y Engagement Officer/All Relevant Staff	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
Tenants will be actively encouraged to help us to review Maintenance performance standards delivered by our us and our Contractors.	 We will provide a report (i.e. Tenant briefing paper on an annual basis for tenant consultation and feedback. 	Annually (by end of Q.3)	 SMT/Communit y Engagement Officer/All Relevant Staff 	
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Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
Participate in the reviewing of our Housing Management services delivery performance.	We will provide a report (i.e. Tenant briefing paper on an annual basis for tenant consultation and feedback.	Annually (by end of Q.3)	SMT/Communit y Engagement Officer/All Relevant Staff	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Participate in Mystery Shopping exercises.	We will establish a mystery shopping panel made up of NHA tenants and complete one exercise annually (i.e. from P.S, & H.M. Finance, etc.).	By Dec. 2020	 SMT/Communit y Engagement Officer/All Relevant Staff 	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
Staff will arrange and	 We will establish a 	By June 2020	H/Management	
take part in regular	structured cycle of		Team/Property	
Estate Walkabouts with	inspection (1/4ly		Services	
NHA tenants &	Walkabouts) with		Team/Comm.	
Community Reps.	H.M & P.S Officers		Engagement	
	in attendance.		Officer.	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
We will support and	We will design,	By March 2022	SMT/Communit	
equip our newly	develop and		y Engagement	
appointed Tenant	deliver scrutiny		Officer	
Service Review Panel	initiatives with			
with the skills to	members of our			
effectively undertake service review	Tenant Forum.			
exercises.	Example: We will complete a review our existing New Tenancy Induction processes (i.e. Sign Up Procedures, review our existing Tenant Handbook, Tenancy Sign Up & Info. Packs) and Post Tenancy Visit) with members of our Tenant Service Review Panel.			

4.2 Work in partnership with individuals, community and voluntary organisations and statutory agencies to improve community safety.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
To support us to deliver best practice within the sector.	NHA staff will regularly attend and actively participate in Empowering Communities' T.P.P. Network, NIFHA's Comms. Officers Forum, H.M Managers Forum and other associated working groups.	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	➤ All relevant staff	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
We will regularly hold, attend and support regular local events.	 Hold Pre-Tenancy Tenant Information Day's/Meet Your Neighbour Day for all new build developments. 	(when required)	 All staff and tenants to be encouraged to participate in local events and initiatives. All relevant staff 	

Promote and attend community safety events, community information days, advice clinics, consultation meetings, joint projects, etc.	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	
 Attend community consultation events to highlight and promote the services offered by NHA. 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm.EngagementOfficer/All Staff.
Hold regular Community Clean- up events to encourage partnerships and an ethos of local ownership.	Deliver between 4 & 6 per annum.	Comm.EngagementOfficer/All Staff
Provide materials and financial support to deliver local events/partnerships, which meet the Association's	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm.EngagementOfficer/All Staff.

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Community Investment Funds main strategic aims and objectives.			
Develop new ways of supporting local projects.	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm.EngagementOfficer/All Staff.	
 Fund or provide administrative support to local projects that encourage active resident participation, local 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm.EngagementOfficer/All Staff	
ownership and community empowerment. • Provided support in delivery of local fun days, community festivals, older people's services,	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm. Engagement Officer/All Staff.	
youth engagements initiatives, public relations events,			

etc. which aim to enhance NHA's reputation and strengthen our commitment to supporting the local communities in which we work.		

4.3 Continue to invest in and support organisations and activities that improve the quality of life and create opportunities for residents.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
Continue to promote and encourage a culture that embraces tenant involvement across all housing services.	Provide training and support to staff to encourage them to bring forward ideas/initiatives which will enhance and strengthen the communities in which they work.	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	➤ SMT/All Departments	
	 NHA staff/departments to be proactive in promoting internal and external 			

services available		
locally.		
All department will provide relevant and up to date information on business activities and promote participation.		
We will set targets to ensure staff deliver initiatives which promote local engagement/active participation in events, local projects, services, etc.		

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Deliver annual the Brian Mullan Community Fund in partnership with Tenant Forum members.	 Acquire BOM approval. Provide panel members with support and 	By end of Q.3 each year	SMT/Comm.EngagementOfficer	

guidance throughout the process.		

	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
We will work in	 We will work with 	Throughout the	SMT/Comm.	
partnership with others	other to access	lifetime of the TPS	Engagement	
within our community	funding which will		Officer/All	
to attract and access	support and		relevant staff.	
external funding.	enhance local			
	projects and			
	services.			

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads & Timescales	Monitoring/Outcomes
We will promote, design and support initiatives which support the elderly, young people, increase educational attainment levels, financial inclusion and health & well-being, etc.	Seek future external support, volunteers and funding to aid sustainment and possible expansion of Grow NI Project at Camberwell Court.	<u>By 2022</u>	 Comm. Eng. Officer/Scheme Co-Ordinators & All relevant staff. 	
	 Develop new initiatives in 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm. Eng. Officer/Scheme	

Sheltered Schemes (i.e. increase levels of participation by sheltered residents.		Co-Ordinators & All relevant staff	
Promote and support external groups which provide support.	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm. Eng. Officer & all relevant staff.	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads & Timescales	Monitoring/Outcomes
Promote and enhance NHA's Annual Student Bursary Scheme.	 All staff to promote and encourage take up of NHA's Student Bursary Scheme. Achieved full take up of NHA's Annual Bursary awards over the lifespan of the TPS. 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm. Eng. Officer & all relevant staff.	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads & Timescales	Monitoring/Outcomes
Promote and enhance NHA's Credit Union Match Savings Scheme.	 All staff to promote and encourage take up of NHA's Credit Union Match Savings Scheme. Publicise and administer the initiative annually. 	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Comm. Eng. Officer & all relevant staff.	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Deliver a Tenant Participatory Budget event in partnership will local organisation.	 Spend £20,000 set aside by NHA's B.O.M on PB Initiative. 	By Q.4 2021	Comm.EngagementOfficer/All Staff	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Our recording, monitoring and reporting on performance to our Board of Management.	 Head of Housing & Communities will provide a progress report (i.e. events, programmes, initiatives, etc.) to B.O.M. 	1/4ly from July 2020 at H&C Committee meetings.	SMT & Community Engagement Officer	

 Community Investment Fund spending will be regularly reported to BOM. 	1/4ly at H&C Committee meetings. (Note: All funding requests of over £500 must be approved via H&C Committee meetings).	SMT & Community Engagement Officer.	
 All minutes of meetings to be retained during the lifetime of the TPS and made available on request. 	As and when required.	➤ All relevant staff	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Holding of an Annual Conference	 We will set an annual budget to ensure delivery. 	By June 2021 and each year thereafter.	➤ NHA SMT/BOM	
	We will work with members of our Tenant Forum to develop and deliver an annual conference	Throughout the lifetime of the TPS	Tenant Forum/Commun ity Engagement Officer.	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Roll out training to Tenant Forum members identified from 2019 training needs analysis review	 We will develop a programme of training for NHA staff and tenants. 	By Sept. 2020	SMT & Community Engagement Office	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
Provide training & support to new Tenant Service Review Panel members.	We will provide training and support to equip tenants with the skills to effectively scrutinise core services provided by NHA.	By Sept. 2020	SMT & CommunityEngagementOfficer	

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
		(Y.1 2020 – Y.3 2023)		
Complete a review of training requirements annually for new staff and tenants.	 We will carry out a yearly training needs analysis and implement training to fill gaps. 	<u>By July 2020</u>	SMT & Community Engagement Officer	

5.0 Our Finances

5.1 Ensure that sources of funding are available when required.

Objective	How we will do it	Timescales (Y.1 2020 - Y.3 2023)	Leads	Monitoring/Outcomes
To ensure we have adequate funding to deliver our new three-year Tenant Participation Strategy, we will set an annual budget based on 2% of rent receivable.	We will set an annual budget will be set by the Association BOM.	<u>Year 1, 2 & 3</u>	➤ NHA's SMT/B.O.M	