

Joint Consultation Protocol

Our organisations recognise the benefits to be gained from working in partnership. The purpose of this protocol is to ensure that events being organised in the region are co-ordinated, in particular those involving consultation with tenants and residents. The protocol also seeks to build closer working relationships between the organisations with the aim of ensuring the most effective events and representation across the region.

1. Sharing the dates of events and publicising consultation events through organs for communication and mailing lists.

A diary of events will be co-ordinated by YHFF and shared between the organisations to publicise each others' events and prevent clashes of related events.

Where appropriate, organisations will share access to their mailing lists to maximise the opportunities for publicising events.

Organisations will inform each other of their publication dates and invite contributions.

2. Joint consultation events where appropriate.

Organisations will consider the best ways to carry out consultation events and to attract the most appropriate audiences and where appropriate will hold combined events.

3. Sharing of consultation responses between agencies and joint responses where appropriate.

Agencies will consider together the best way to respond to consultation documents and submit to policy development. This may involve one organisation co-ordinating responses on behalf of others. It may also involve different organisations working on different aspects of a consultation response and submitting these singly and/or together, as appropriate.

4. Considering the contracting of tenant and resident consultation exercises to YHF for delivery.

YHF holds regular consultation events for tenants and residents in the region and beyond. It is recognised that YHF relies on grant income and is developing a business plan that aims to reduce this dependence. Where an exercise in tenant and resident consultation is required, or a joint event between officers and tenants and residents would be of benefit, consideration will be given by other organisations to contracting YHF to conduct such consultation on its behalf, utilising its expertise and membership contacts to deliver quality consultation.



5. Adoption of a 'YHF quality mark' for agencies' policies and publications where they are 'tenant and resident friendly', following consultation with YHF.

YHF is the recognised voice of tenants and residents in the region. It has membership of both the regional housing Forum and Board and over 100 tenant and residents groups in membership across the region.

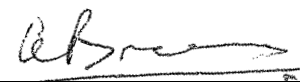
Consideration will be given to developing a scheme whereby partner organisations will involve YHF in reviewing policies, campaigns and consultation responses that impact on the quality of life and prospects of existing and future tenants and residents.

Where YHF judges material to be of benefit to current and future tenants and residents, it will approve the use of its 'quality mark' on all publicity surrounding this material.

There will be an annual review of this protocol by all parties.

Signed on behalf of:

Yorkshire and the Humber Tenants and Residents' Federation (YHF)



Signature

Secretary

Position

Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH)

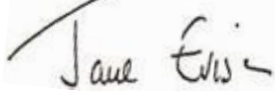


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Deputy Regional Director

Position

Yorkshire and Humberside Housing Forum (YHFF)

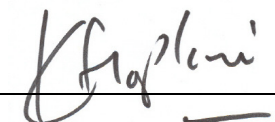


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Chair

Position

Yorkshire and Humber Assembly (YHA)



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Chair – Regional Housing Board

Position

Date: 7 March 2008

