

KINGSBRIDGE NEWS

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Moving forwards together

One Housing is changing: we have a new Board, a new Executive team and a new five-year plan. With residents at the heart of everything we do, we are also taking a new, much more collaborative approach and encourage you to get involved so we make sure we provide you with quality homes and communities across the Isle of Dogs.

Chief Executive Richard Hill is championing this new way of working: “We know there are areas of the Island that could benefit from change – areas or blocks where the standard or design of homes doesn’t meet our or, more importantly, your expectations. That’s why we want to start a conversation with you.

“Setting up a steering group made up of residents is the first step in making sure your voices are heard. We’re pleased to be working with your local tenant and residents’ association to set the group up, and I would encourage anyone who is interested in the future of their homes and neighbourhood, and representing their community, to consider putting themselves forward. We’re looking forward to working in partnership with you to deliver the best future for you and your families.”

Welcome by Chérie Antoinette, Chair of the Kingsbridge TRA

The Kingsbridge Tenants & Residents’ Association welcomes the promise by One Housing that the conversation, shortly to begin with the residents of the Kingsbridge Estate, will be driven by the residents. It is clear that residents want something to happen to the estate, however there is a difference of opinion as to what exactly should happen.

The key thing that must be welcomed is that residents will choose. The “conversations” will consider options ranging from doing nothing, refurbishing the blocks, extending the blocks, or knocking down some or all of the blocks and replacing them with new homes.

The Kingsbridge TRA will work hard to ensure you have all the information you need to decide on the future of your home. We encourage residents to

put themselves forward to serve on the steering group. Having a strong steering group will ensure residents are in the driving seat.



What is a residents’ steering group?

The role of a residents’ steering group is to represent the views, opinions and interests of local residents at a level where key, strategic decisions are made. They therefore play an essential role in regeneration as they scrutinise, advise and guide the work we do.

The group will have access to previews of reports and proposals, which can include business-sensitive information, and members will need to sign a confidentiality agreement. They also provide suggestions and guidance on how information is provided to the wider resident community in a transparent and meaningful way.



Why should I join?

Everyone living in Kingsbridge will be invited to give feedback, ideas and suggestions via a range of channels, including consultation events, workshops and online via our website: no project can be successful without your participation.

However, if you are able to dedicate a little more time, then becoming a steering group member is a great way to do the best for your community – it may at times be challenging but it is also very rewarding.

Can anyone join the group?

The more residents who want to get involved the better. Typically, there are around 10 members, who are elected by the local community. Ideally the group will include a mix of tenants and leaseholders. Members join on a voluntary basis and receive no payment.

How often will the group meet?

This will be up to the members to decide, but as a rough guide, meetings might be held every couple of weeks, with the support and advice of an independent adviser, who the steering group appoints. Some meetings are attended just by the steering group and independent adviser, at other times members of the One Housing team or other partners might attend.

How do I join?

To find out more about becoming a member, please get in touch using the contact details below or complete the tear-off strip and drop it into your local One Housing office at 12 The Quarterdeck, E14 8SJ by Friday 25 January 2019. You will then be invited to a meeting just for those who are interested during the following week.

Contact us

For more information you can call a member of our regeneration team:

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You can also email
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Alternatively, please contact Mike Tyrrell, the independent resident adviser for the 4 Estates Forum on 07958 225416 or mike@4estatesforum.org.uk

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I'm interested in becoming a member of the Kingsbridge steering group. Please send me further details, so I can learn more about what this involves.

Your name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone number:.....Email address:.....

Please return to One Housing, Millwall Office, 12 The Quarterdeck, E14 8SJ by **Friday 25 January 2019**.