Northampton Partnership Homes

The setting up of Northampton Partnership Homes (NPH) is still on track and will go live on 5th January 2015. The Council is working with the Interim Managing Director and the Shadow Board to complete the Management Agreement and other key documents, which set out how the arrangements between the two organisations will work. The Borough Council has also supported a group of Shadow Board members to appoint the new Chief Executive for NPH. The appointment is due to be formally made at the next Shadow Board meeting.

Employees potentially transferring to NPH received notification of the proposed transfer on 7th October. The final list of employees transferring will be completed in December.

Arrangements are well underway to prepare for the start of the new organisation, such as new vehicle branding, uniforms, the new phone number and website. All changes to services will be communicated to tenants, leaseholders and other key partners/stakeholders.

Tenants' Conference

The next Tenants' Conference is taking place on 25th and 26th November at The Saints Rugby Ground. It is hoped there will be a lot of interest from tenants as this will be the final conference before Northampton Partnership Homes takes over in January 2015.

Houses of Multiple Occupation Licensing

The Additional Licensing Scheme for HMOs comes into effect on 3rd November. Over recent months the scheme has been widely publicised and steps have been taken to ensure that landlords and property owners are aware of the impact it will have on them. A number of applications have been received to date, and officers are preparing to send out reminders and take further follow-up action to persuade landlords to apply for licences. We will monitor this carefully and be ready to take enforcement action against landlords who do not comply with the designation after having had reminders to do so.

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