

What is the Shadow Board and who is on it?

It is envisaged that the transfer housing association would have a 'group structure' with a Board appointed to manage the Fenland homes. A third of the members of the Board will be tenant representatives, a third Council nominees and a third independent people. A shadow board is therefore being appointed that will work with the Council in the run-up to the transfer and then become the Fenland Board. There are fifteen places on the Board, of which five are to be taken by tenants. Four tenants who have been appointed are:

- Colin Greenwood
- Keith Haylett
- Jean Key
- Brenda Reynolds

What do the Council and the Options Fenland Working Group think about transfer?

Fenland District Council and the Options Fenland Working Group believe that the best way to make sure that its tenants have good homes is to transfer them to a Housing Association. Before this can happen, though, tenants must decide if they want to support the move in a ballot that will probably be held in November. The final decision will be made by the tenants in this ballot. The Fenland Tenants' Forum has appointed Adrian Waite to act as Independent Tenants' Advisor. His role is to give tenants independent advice so that they understand what the transfer of their homes would mean and can make their own minds up whether it is a good idea. As part of this, Adrian will be in Fenland during the fortnight over Easter to give tenants information, answer their questions and listen to their points of view.

What does the Tenants' Forum think about transfer?

The Tenants' Forum is supporting the recommendation of the Options Fenland Working Group that transfer is the best option for the tenants for the future. It will provide all the services that tenants have come to expect and most of the aspirations tenants say that they would like in the 'Fenland Standard'. All this would be done with equivalent tenancy conditions, same rent rules and the same staff as now with the Council.

Housing Associations do not have to give any money to central government so straight away we would have more than £2million a year to provide what tenants want. However, to stay with the Council would mean that tenants would not enjoy the same services and same standard of repairs and refurbishment as they do now.

We have already had reductions in our sheltered accommodation service and do not want to see more. Don't forget that we would have to continue to give central government over £2million of your rent money each year.