Group Governance Communications

Report from:	Parent Board	
Date of meeting:	25th March 2025	
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Summary of key items discussed at the meetings:		**Decisions made and actions agreed:**
1. Members received the Chief Executive's Report. 2. Members were presented with the final version of the new Corporate Strategy. 3. Board received the new Business Plan and 2025 Development plans. 4. Members were presented with the 2025/26 Operational Budget. 5. Board received the Property Services Resource and Risk Plan 2025/26. 6. Members received a Performance Report for Q3 2024/25. 7. Members received the Development Performance Report and confirmation that Southway were primed to receive any additional funding to develop affordable housing following the government announcement. 8. Members were presented with a report on Consumer Standards containing updates on achieving compliance.		1. Members approved the AI Policy, which was presented with an Equality Impact Assessment. 2. Members approved the new Corporate Strategy and the Risk Appetite and agreed on a revised statement position on merger. 3. Board approved the 2025 Business Plans, Group Resource Plan, Development Plan and revised Golden Rules. 4. Members discussed the Q3 outturn position for 24/25 and approved the 25/26 budget. 5. Board noted the current performance at the end of Q3 and approved the Property Service Resource and Risk Plan 2025/26. 6. Members approved a revised Performance Framework for 2025/26. 7. Members approved the interim arrangements for appraisal hurdles rate and the additional costs in relation to the final proposal for Merseybank Shopping Parade.

9. Board was presented with the Governance Report, including updated Group Standing Orders and an action plan in relation to the Governance Review Improvement recommendations. 10. Board received a new standalone Building Safety Policy, which had previously been part of the H&S Policy. 11. Members received a report on Rent and Service Charge Setting for information.	8. Members noted the updates and that the Executive Director for Corporate Services would now be the lead officer with responsibility for Consumer Standards. 9. Board approved the revised Group Standing Orders and Intra Group and Service Arrangements and approved the review of compliance with the NHF Code of Governance and Regulatory Standards. They discussed and approved the action plan in relation to the Governance Review. 10. Board approved the new Building Safety Policy. 11. Board agreed that references to leases and leaseholders be removed from the policy and that the Equality Impact Assessment be circulated to members once completed.
Specific actions and recommendations for this Meeting • Audit and Risk Committee would receive updates on changes to Risk Appetite as part of the Significant Risk report and information on the risks relating to the Out of Hours service.	