Group Governance Summary Communications

Report from:	Parent Board
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Summary of key items discussed at the meetings:	**Decisions made and actions agreed:**
1. Members discussed the Chief Executive Recruitment and Executive Restructure. 2. Members noted the Chief Executive Report and discussed the increase in insurance premiums and service and heating charge levels. Vulnerable tenants were highlighted as a priority for SHQF funding. 3. Members discussed the Financial Planning and Rent Increase Report and emphasised the importance of communicating the reasons for the increase to tenants. 4. Members discussed the Performance Report, **agreed** changes to target dates for the Corporate Plan actions and **approved** the recommendation on responsive repairs timescales. There was also a discussion on how to ensure residents with Damp and Mould were prioritised. 5. Board agreed the Equality Scheme Review 2023-28 an discussed the Boost programme and staff EDI training.	1. Board **deferred** the appointment of Katie McGrouther to the Parent Board and Abul Kalam Mustafa to the People and Places committee to allow time for inductions to be completed. 2. Board **approved** the appointment of Pamella Mkama to the People and Places Committee, Laura Green to Southway DevCo Board and David Clermont to the Southway Plus Board. 3. Board **approved** the Service Level Agreement between the Trust and Southway Plus. 4. Board **approved** that the Disposals Policy be delegated to the Chief Executive. The Consumer Duty Policy was also **approved**. 5. The current position at Ryebank Fields was **noted**, the strategy to proceed with the Merseybank regeneration project was **approved**, as was the Board resolution required for Brownfield funding. 6. Board **agreed** the draft Equalites Scheme for 2023-2028.

6. The Local Lettings Policy was considered, with assurance sought regarding a Southway rightsizing policy. 7. Changes to Regulatory Standards were discussed, as was the upcoming Tenant Forum.	7. Board **approved** the following policies. • Health and Safety. • Audit • Brickfields Local Lettings • MCC New Build Local Lettings • Consumer Duty

Specific actions and recommendations for this Meeting
- Board approved the recruitment panel for the A&R vacancy and delegated authority to offer the position to their preferred candidate. - Agreed that the Audit and Risk Committee would receive a regular update on insurance performance.