

Regulation and governance

The board:

- agreed to adopt the audited accounts for the year
- agreed that the client representation letter for the year ended 31 March 2009 be signed by the chair and the secretary on behalf of the group
- agreed additional mechanisms for dealing with under-performance in intra-group contracting
- endorsed the direction of the group response to the TSA consultation on a new standards framework and delegated agreement of a full response to the chair
- reviewed the self assessment compliance statement and agreed that the group complied fully with all areas of the TSA regulatory code
- agreed the group board and committee meeting programme
- noted the annual risk review and executive management team report on internal control

Group strategy

The board

- approved in principle the setting up of a subsidiary to DCHT which provides care and housing support services to residents in group stock and delegated to a working party of group board members and staff:
 - i) the creation of a viable business plan for the subsidiary
 - ii) consideration of the most appropriate governance arrangements and production of a timetabled implementation plan
- nominated Carol Bosworth and Helen Riley-Humfrey as working party members.

- agreed to be involved in leading workshops on the day of the AGM, as part of communicating the DCHT strategic direction to the subsidiaries.
- considered progress against the corporate plan to be satisfactory and the plan to be sufficiently challenging and asked staff to consider a process for highlighting where target dates had been changed

Central services

The board:

- agreed the appointment of Paul Crawford as Group Chief Executive, on the terms and conditions recommended by the group remuneration committee
- agreed the principles and frameworks for DCHT employment conditions and delegated detailed changes to the Group Director of Corporate Services
- delegated decision on car allowances to a staff working group provided that costs remained within existing budgets
- agreed the most appropriate method of apportioning central costs across the group and:
 - i) arrangements for assessing 'in kind' contributions and for recovering contributions where there is a shortfall
 - ii) that Tor Homes only be required to make a contribution once it has exceeded the savings it anticipated making in the business case for joining the group and that this exemption only last for 5 yrs from April 2009.