

## For Information/Noting

Agenda Item: 11.5  
Date of Meeting: 24/01/24

**To:** The Management Committee

**From:** The Director

**Subject:** Director's Report

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### **1. Introduction and Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with a progress report on matters I am currently dealing with.

### **2. Progress/Update Reports**

#### **2.1 Proposed Constitutional Change**

2.1.1 Committee is reminded of the session to be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 6 pm in our office to discuss the proposed new rules (based on model charitable rules). Linda Ewart will be leading the discussion and Lauren Little, our solicitor will also be present to address any points of clarity and answer any questions.

2.1.2 Committee will recall at previous sessions with Linda and Lauren, there was some discussion about being able to amend or add provisions in the rules to "restrict" membership of Rosehill and of the Management Committee. Although it was recognised that such provisions should not be too restrictive, as this could cause difficulty in recruiting new Committee Members. Linda Ewart is currently drafting some potential amendments for Committee's consideration and to aid discussion at the session on the 30<sup>th</sup> January. A copy of the draft new rules with any such amendments will be made available prior to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

2.1.3 I emailed our Regulation Manager, Kirsty Porter to advise of our plans to change our constitution and that we are working to a timeline of holding an SGM in September 2024. I then had a subsequent chat with Kirsty to explain the reasons for proposing to change our constitution. Kirsty confirmed that she was satisfied with the information I provided by email and during our phone call. It was acknowledged that later in the year we will submit a Notifiable Event in relation to the constitutional change and our company name change.

## 2.2 Cyber Essentials Accreditation

2.2.1 Committee will recall that last March we successfully renewed our Cyber Essentials accreditation. Then in June we achieved Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation.

2.2.2 I have recently been contacted by the company, CyberTec Security who assisted us through the application process for both accreditations about preparing for renewal of our CE accreditation. I obtained clarity that whilst we now hold CE Plus accreditation, we are still required to renew our CE accreditation, as the assessment required for this is used as this basis for CE Plus.

2.2.3 The cost for renewing CE and CE Plus accreditation will be £2,437.48. Included in this price is the pre-assessment of our CE accreditation, managed assessment with 1-2-1 video call support for CE and, full assessment and certification for CE Plus.

## 2.3 Supported Accommodation Unit – 100 Peat Road

2.3.1 Committee is reminded of our plans to convert the supported accommodation unit at 100 Peat Road into a detached 4 apt bungalow, with the two remaining residents becoming joint tenants of the property. In order to enable a joint tenancy to be created for the two residents, Intervention Orders had to be granted at court for someone (another solicitor other than our own) to act on the residents behalf on this matter. Committee will recall it took quite some time for this matter to be sorted but the Orders were finally granted in the Summer of 2022.

2.3.2 Due to the lengthy delay in getting the Orders in place, the building warrant we had in place to carry out some physical works to the property had elapsed and we needed to re-apply for this.

2.3.3 Sadly early last year we were notified that one of the residents had died. Since then we have been liaising with Quarriers (care provider) over what should happen in respect of the remaining resident. We were aware that they were looking for suitable alternative accommodation. We were subsequently advised that a social worker had been allocated the resident's case and we have just recently been notified that suitable alternative accommodation has been found. The date for ending the resident's occupancy at 100 Peat Road is 6<sup>th</sup> February.

2.3.4 It is our intention to convert the property to 2 x 3 apt semi-detached bungalows. However, due to other pressing priorities within the Technical Services Team, this will not be organised in the near future. However, once we have vacant possession of the property, I will arrange for the

Technical Services Manager to provide a report at the February meeting of the likely timescales involved in converting the property.

## 2.4 National Fraud Initiative – Pilot Exercise

2.4.1 A letter was recently issued by Michael Cameron, Chief Executive of The Scottish Housing Regulator about the above pilot. A copy of his letter and information sheet on the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) are attached for Committee's information. Michael Cameron is encouraging RSLs to participate in the pilot.

2.4.2 As can be seen from the attached information sheet, there is normally a fee for participating in the NFI but Audit Scotland is looking to secure funding to cover the cost for participating in the pilot exercise.

2.4.3 I think this would be a worthwhile exercise and as such I have submitted an expression of interest but have requested more information on the likely time commitment involved and the level and type of information we will need to provide. I have since had an acknowledgement email and have been advised that a follow-up meeting will be arranged in the next week or so to discuss the exercise further.

## 3. Summary

3.1 Committee is presented with a progress report on the above which ensures it is kept up to date on key matters. Committee is invited to discuss any of the updates in this report.