

Regulation and governance

The board:

- 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
- approved DCHA's annual self assessment compliance statement
- approved its annual board effectiveness improvement plan
- agreed changes to the responsibilities and delegated authorities of the DCHA Managing Director
- approved amendments to the delegated authorities of the DCHA Director of Finance and agreed that the chair approve changes to the delegated authorities of the DCHA Director of Investment
- agreed minor revisions to its terms of reference
- approved additional mechanisms for dealing with under-performance in intra-group contracting
- approved the DCHA dates within the group board and committee meeting timetable 2010/11
- agreed Simon Sanger-Anderson, Philip Hutt, Nadia Hewitt and Steve Tucker are put forward for re-election at the AGM
- elected Simon Sanger-Anderson as chair and Jennifer Jackson as vice chair of DCHA for the following year
- appointed Les Mazurek fourth resident board member
- agreed DCHA representatives on boards and committees within the group

Finance and central services

The board:

- approved the roll forward of revenue budgets for major repairs and cyclical maintenance
- approved the roll forward of capital budgets for computer hardware & software, office refurbishment and freehold land & buildings
- approved the impact of changes made to the budget at the last board meeting
- approved the audited accounts of DCHA for the year ended 31 March 2009
- agreed the principles and framework for new staff terms and conditions for DCHT
- approved the proposed pension strategy
- approved pension arrangements for the new group chief executive and agreed arrangements to allow DCHT to become a member of SHPS
- agreed the most appropriate method of apportioning central costs across the group and arrangements for assessing 'in kind' contributions
- agreed that if a new subsidiary is created within the group, or joins from outside, the method of sharing costs will be part of the setting up arrangements
- approved the DCHA performance management framework as presented.

Housing management

The board:

- agreed, in principle, that housing support services within the group be transferred into a new community interest company that is a subsidiary of the Trust, subject to a viable business plan
- agreed, that if a group support vehicle does not prove viable, DCHA takes on responsibility for providing support services to PHA residents in Cornwall as a combined service, provided this improves the financial viability of DCHA's older persons support services.