

Bristol Homes and Communities Board

Terms of reference

Purpose of Bristol Homes and Communities Board (BHC)

BHB is a cross-sector advisory group seeking to influence housing outcomes in the City. BHB members wish to work together to promote:

- The delivery of good quality, sustainable new homes across the City, in particular affordable homes and community-led developments
- Increasing the sustainability of our existing stock, across all sectors
- A reduction in the number of people at risk of becoming homeless and the reduction leading to the elimination of street homelessness
- Housing's contribution to the creation of thriving and safe communities and to individual well-being

BHB supports the Council to deliver the 'One City' Plan.

BHB members will promote the work of the Board in their own sectors and beyond.

Role of partners

To ensure wide representation and a breadth of skills, the Partnership will include influential and inspirational leaders from across the City. In order to meet the partnership aims members roles will be to:

- Provide strategic leadership, vision and co-ordination that drives housing activity across partner organisations to improve outcomes for citizens and the City.
- Support work to address the housing needs of vulnerable and socially excluded groups.
- Communicate with and secure participation of sustainable local communities.
- Act as the link to other bodies within their 'sector' to ensure effective input and buy-in across the housing system
- Lead and/or participate in work that the partnership agrees is necessary to tackle housing challenges and align services.
- Seek to achieve balanced communities.
- Report to and be accountable to the partnership on progress of tasks.

Outcomes

The Partnership will develop and publish an annual impact statement.

Decision Making and Governance

Where possible decisions will be made by consensus including agreement regarding ways of working and priority work to be undertaken.

Task and Finish groups

Task and finish groups may be established to undertake specific tasks and report back with recommendations.

Relationships with other groups

The Board may receive reports from other groups co-ordinating or delivering work relevant to the Board.

Membership

BHB will review its membership annually to ensure that key sectors and organisations are represented on the Board. The Board may co-opt additional members at the discretion of the Chair.

BHB is actively working to increase the diversity of its membership to better reflect the communities it serves.

Chair/s

The Board will be chaired by the Cabinet Member for Homes and Communities The chair will be responsible for agreeing agendas and actively contributing to development of an effective partnership board. Any Board Member may request an item be placed on the agenda.

Frequency of Meetings

Board meetings will usually be held 4 times per year.

Substitution for Meetings

No Substitutions.

Attendance by Non-Board Members

Invitations may be extended to non-Board members, where their input or advice supports the discussion taking place at the meeting.

Declaration of Interest and Confidentiality

Board members should declare any items under discussion which are of direct personal or professional interest.

Code of conduct

There is no formal Code of Conduct for Board Members but they are expected to behave professionally and with respect for other Board Members. A Board Member who fails to do so may be asked to leave the board.