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Update on the Scottish Housing Quality Standard Root & Branch Review

It has been some time since the last Federation News went out to tenants. The delay was due in the main to the work involved in the Focus Group meetings on the Dundee City Council's review of the SHQS Delivery plan.

Information on the Dundee City Council's Delivery Plan was ongoing over many months so there was nothing constructive to inform tenants about or consult on as this was still work in progress.

During this time we had no definitive information or conclusions to take to tenants as some information required financial analysis in order that it could be more easily understood. This then had to be discussed in great detail before we could reach any conclusions.

The things that gave us cause for concern were:

- Affordable rents
- Right to Buy and Land Sales
- Shower Programme
- New Build Housing

On Sunday 20 June 2010, we hosted a Joint Tenants Conference with Dundee City Council's Housing Department to take forward DFTA's views from the review and for the Housing Department to gather wider tenants opinions on the issues being raised. This was held in the Queens Hotel and was very well attended.

TENANTS CONFERENCE

In co-operation with the Housing Department we have enclosed Dundee City Council Housing Department's Bulletin on the Joint Conference which covers DFTA's thinking on the main issues, what the Dundee City Council Housing Department needed wider tenant opinion on and what tenants at the Joint Conference thought the way forward should be.

If you would like to add your views to those in the bulletin please write to any of the following:

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Since the last Federation News our General Meetings have covered the Dundee City Council Housing Department's Letting Policy, the process used by the Anti Social Behaviour Team in addressing Anti Social Behaviour and Energy Advice.

Our Annual General Meeting in June saw a change in our committee with some new faces coming on board and other long term committee members leaving.

Among those leaving was Margaret Scott, who has been the Federation's Vice Chair for many years. Margaret's resignation was unexpected and the timing of this did not allow us to propose a new vice-chair at the AGM.

However, the tenants present were happy that we elect a vice chair at the following Federation Executive Committee Meeting. This has been done and the new vice– chair is Jim Cochrane. We would like to thank those committee members who have left for their work in the past with a special thank you to Margaret for her years as our vice—chair.

If you want to find out more about the Federation please give us a call on Dundee 305718