

Chairman's Announcements

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Summary of announcement:

In November 2012 Selwood Housing's board of directors accepted the findings of an independent review into how it involves tenants in the activities that it undertakes in the community and also in the wider running of Selwood Housing.

As part of this review, the Selwood Tenants' Voice (STV) was closed and Selwood Housing created new and more inclusive methods of involving its tenants. This meant that any sub committees of STV, such as the management committee of the Manor Road Resource Centre in Trowbridge, were no longer able to comply with their terms of reference or license and as such would have to end.

The Manor Road Resource Centre will still be open as a community resource. We are not stopping any activities; in fact we want to increase them. For example we are looking to strengthen the Friday "drop in" (that is undertaken by Studley Green TARA members) to have a neighbourhood manager there to deal with any housing management issues raised. We are recruiting two new staff to strengthen our tenant involvement team to increase the community work we undertake.

We wrote to the members of the Manor Road Resource Centre management committee on 22nd February 2013 explaining the changes and asking them to return their keys and to remove any personal effects. A copy of this letter is attached for information.

We are very grateful to everyone that was involved in its running for all the hard work that they have injected into this valuable community resource; it is our intention to continue all the activities that are currently undertaken there.

We know the Area Boards have been heavily involved in providing funding for the furniture and other equipment for the benefit of the community and this will remain there for the community's use.