



# TP Update

## what's new in Tenant Participation Autumn 2022

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## Welcome

Welcome to the latest TP update. Its purpose is to keep our Tenant & Resident Associations, interested tenants, Scrutiny Panel members, Sheltered Forum members, Council staff and Elected Members up-to-date with TP events and developments.

## TRA updates

Most TRAs are meeting regularly in person whilst others are working hard to advertise and recruit new members. Two of our groups are in the process of setting up new community spaces, in Drumry, Clydebank and Risk Street, Dumbarton. The plans are for these spaces to be used for the groups as well as more widely in the community.

Many of the TRAs are now holding their AGMs after Covid put a stop to many of them. AGMs are

very important to ensure that groups are democratic and local people can have a more formal role within the group if they wish. Hanne can provide support to any group holding an AGM including coming along, carrying out financial audits or just providing advice.

## Community Police

Sergeant Alan Heron of Police Scotland has contacted groups to re-instate the practice of them attending some meetings with groups. Groups can contact Alan and his colleagues directly on the details below:

[ArgyllDunbartonshireCPTAlexandria@scotland.police.uk](mailto:ArgyllDunbartonshireCPTAlexandria@scotland.police.uk)  
– for the Alexandria and Dumbarton areas;

[ArgyllDunbartonshireCPTClydebank2@scotland.police.uk](mailto:ArgyllDunbartonshireCPTClydebank2@scotland.police.uk)  
– for the Clydebank area.

## Partnership working

After many successful years of the Dalmuir Community Café in Overtoun Court, the decision was sadly taken to close it after it became untenable.

However, discussions are ongoing with Alternatives, a community based drugs programme with the view to them providing a community cafe as well as creating a space for the local community.

The TRA will continue to have use of the space for their meetings and activities and are looking forward to working alongside Alternatives.



*Inside of the cafe*

## External training opportunities

In June Tenant Participation staff and tenants went along to The Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) conference in the Golden Jubilee and learnt about what is happening within the social housing sector in Scotland.

There were some really interesting presentations and workshops. If any tenants would like to get involved in these in the future, please speak to Hanne.

TPAS SCOTLAND NATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE	
10-12 June 2022 GOLDEN JUBILEE HOTEL, CLYDEBANK	
Day 1: Friday 10th June	
10.00am	Registration
11.00am	Welcome – Lesley Baird Tina Mistry, Relationships Manager, Aico Patrick Harvie, MSP
12.00pm	Welcome New Delegates
12.30pm	Lunch at your leisure
2.00pm	Keynote Session: Jehan Weerasinghe Managing Director, Wheatley Homes Glasgow
3.00pm	Keynote Session: Callum Chomczuk CIH National Director, Scotland
3.45pm	Refreshment Break
4.30pm	Keynote: Craig Sanderson – Edinburgh Poverty Commission
6.00pm	Presentation of National Good Practice Awards & Presentation of TP Certificates
7.00pm - 9.00pm	Dinner at your leisure
9.30pm	Movie
9.45pm	Disco, quiz

Programme for TPAS conference 1

Programme for TPAS conference 2

## Tenant Priority Budget

The Tenant Priority Budget is still open for proposals from any tenant or tenant group.

Officers are working hard to progress existing proposals and many have now been completed. Proposals have to meet certain criteria including that they must be on land owned by the Housing Revenue Account and must be value for money for tenants.

Hanne is always happy to discuss any ideas and whether they would be suitable. We strive to make them happen as quickly as possible.



Renewed drying area at Kilbowie Court

## Scrutiny Panel



The Scrutiny Panel are currently finishing up a small scrutiny exercise looking at new tenant visits. They sent out surveys to a sample of new tenants and are currently going through the responses to find out if new tenant visits are working as they should and that tenants are getting all the information necessary at the start of their tenancy.



**Staff and tenants are encouraged to use the Housing News which gets delivered to all tenants—share your news or let us know if there is information you would like to see included**

Housing News dates	
Winter Edition	
Deadline for articles	24 October
Expected delivery date	7 December
Spring Edition	
Deadline for articles	8 February
Expected delivery date	22 March 2023