

How we make decisions

This fact sheet explains how Wakefield and District Housing (WDH) makes decisions.

Our board

We are registered with the Tenant Services Authority (TSA), which regulates independent housing organisations throughout the country. We meet the TSA's registration conditions and keep to its regulatory code. This makes sure that we are run well and gives you services which are managed properly.

Our board has overall responsibility for running us. It agrees our strategies and policies, and overall service development and sets the strategic direction for the organisation. Our board is made up of three tenants, three Wakefield Council representatives and three independent members, chosen for their particular skills and experience.

Our Executive Management Team is responsible for managing Wakefield and District Housing, within the rules and policies agreed with the board.

Local management committees

- We have set up five local management committees (LMCs) in each of our five management areas. The LMCs are made up of five tenants, five Wakefield Council representatives and five independent people. They are each chaired by a tenant.
- The role of LMCs is to provide local solutions to local issues. The LMC's role is to consider priorities, including the scheduling of Improvement Programme works within their own areas.

They are also responsible for:

- reviewing policies to ensure they address local issues;
- contributing to developing Local Visions, documents that set our commitment to providing local solutions to local issues; and
- making sure local management teams work within their agreed budgets and performance targets.

LMCs have responsibility for listening and feeding back opinions to the board from local engagement events.

Who can be a board or local committee member?

The board and LMCs aim to make sure that local people are directly involved in identifying priorities for their area and providing local solutions to local issues. All members on the board and LMCs give their time voluntarily and are unpaid.

We need to have the right people helping us make decisions, so we are very thorough when choosing our board or local committee members. We have a panel of involving tenants who interview all tenant members of the Board and local management committees. Wakefield Council chooses its representatives based on their relevant skills and experience. To encourage other local people to become involved, we advertise locally and nationally for independent board members.

We are committed to providing equal access to information. If you would like this information in another format, such as large print, please phone us on 0845 8 507 507.

