

Orkney Housing Association is governed by a voluntary Management Committee elected at our AGM. The Committee's role is to set strategy and monitor our performance.

Day to day operational management is carried out by the Leadership Team, and services delivered by our excellent staff team.

Some of the Committee's main functions include: approving budgets, reviewing policies, diligent financial management, major decision making, and organisational direction and good governance to ensure statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

We send out an update like this after each formal Management Committee meeting (normally 6 per year).

Members present 29 July 2026

- Brian Kynoch
- David Bertram
- Mary Laird
- Fiona Lettice
- Ian McKay
- Bruce Pilkington
- John Rodwell
- John White



Our Management Committee

Top: Brian Kynoch, Fiona Lettice, John Rodwell, Roella Wilson, John White, Suzanne Lawrence
Bottom: Bruce Pilkington, Mervyn Sandison, John Foster, Mary Laird, David Bertram, Ian McKay

AGM Arrangements

This year's AGM, will be held virtually via Teams (with a limited in-person option) on Tuesday 08 September at 10.30am.

AGM

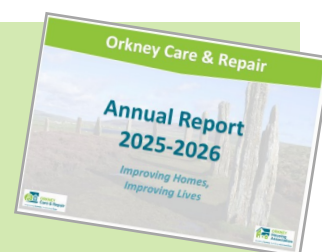
Any General Members interested in joining the Management Committee will be asked to forward nomination forms to the Company Secretary no later than 18 August.

Prior to the meeting, the Company Secretary must ensure that certain Rules are complied with and met. These include the requirement to check that all Minutes from every Management Committee and Sub-committee have been considered, accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Another Rule requires that one third of the Management Committee retire and stand for re-election; this year Roella Wilson, Mervyn Sandison and John White are seeking re-election. Our recent co-optees are also standing for election: David Bertram, Mary Laird and Ian McKay.

Care & Repair Annual Report

The report highlighted a busy year for Orkney Care & Repair with high levels of enquiries, major works (repairs and adaptations), minor adaptations and small repairs. The demand for the service clearly demonstrated the need for it and how much it is used by elderly and disabled people in need of assistance, enabling them to remain living in their homes for longer, in comfort and safety.



GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Annual Assurance Statement (AAS)

This standing item at each meeting evidences how we are complying with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Framework. Members agreed that no material changes were required to be made to the AAS, noted no notifiable events had been submitted; noted the update to the list of Governance Related Policies and additions to the Evidence Bank in respect of Regulatory Requirements and Standards.

Staffing Update

Members welcomed the new Head of Finance, Tanne Shorter, and noted temporary arrangements to the Housing & Customer Services Team. They were also updated on staff professional training and development qualifications.

Tenant Participation Strategy Consultation

Members approved a consultative draft and consultation which will be sent out in August to tenants seeking their views on the Tenant Participation Strategy and input into what tenants would like to see. The results will feed into the final Strategy and Action Plan. A Resident Satisfaction Survey will also be taking place with a particular focus on re-establishing a Tenants' Panel.

Authority to Evict

Members approved two cases which were presented for eviction due to continued non-payment of rent and anti-social behaviour. Members noted that eviction is not taken lightly and is always seen as a last resort.

Policy Reviews

Members noted and approved the following:

- Scheme of Delegations
- Procurement Policy
- Expenses Policy
- Domestic Abuse Policy
- Rent Arrears & Debt Collection Policy

New Homes Satisfaction Survey

The Association collects data from tenants in new properties following the 12 month defects period, to measure the satisfaction with the design and identify any features that can be considered in new projects.

Surveys were sent to 9 households at recently completed homes in Kirkwall. Four tenants responded to the survey (45%) and members were pleased to learn that all were satisfied with their new homes. There were comments around the landscaping/finishing to the estate, and ventilation. However, these issues had already been addressed by our staff.

Orkney Housing Enterprises Update

Members received a report on the recent OHE Board meeting. This included an update on Mid-Market Rent (MMR) tenancy which the subsidiary has commenced. A further 9 MMR properties will become available as part of the Walliwall 10 development.

Potential services to be delivered by OHE had also been appraised, and further work is being carried out prior to launching these services to the community in Orkney.

Contractors & Consultants Annual Review

Members noted annual performance figures for the Association's in-house Trades Team and external maintenance contractors, and approved the list of maintenance contractors.

Development Update

Walliwall 10, Kirkwall - development work is well underway on this 41 unit project. Properties will be handed over in 3 phases.

Site in Kirkwall - Positive discussion has taken place around opportunities at a potential development site which is at the planning applications stage.

East Mainland - Architects have been appointed for 3 projects for potential development.

Two properties in Rendall and one in Stromness have been acquired into rented stock; with the purchase of a further one in Kirkwall progressing.