

Housing in London – Decision Making Structures and Policies

Structures	Membership	Accountability	Tenant Involvement	Strategic Documents
London Housing Board	<p>The LHB was established in 2002. It currently has no elected members. It is chaired by the Government office for London (GOL) and its members are officers of the Association of London Government (ALG); the Greater London Authority (GLA); English Partnerships (EP), the London Development Agency (LDA); the Housing Corporation (HC)</p> <p>It has no direct funding, but has responsibility for distribution of the Housing Corporation's Approved Development Programme funding and 30% of London local authorities Housing Investment Programme grant.</p> <p>It has now been agreed that the Mayor of London will take over responsibility for the London Housing Board. He will decide on its membership.</p>	To government ministers.	<p>There are no tenant members of the LHB</p> <p>Consultation on the London Housing Strategy involved the London Housing Board sending out questionnaires to various organisations.</p> <p>There were 52 responses; only one from a council tenant organisation – (the London Tenants Federation)</p>	<p>Capital Homes - London Housing Strategy 2005 - 16.</p> <p>The strategy focuses on increasing the number of homes in London and building sustainable communities.</p>
Housing Forum For London	<p>The Housing Forum for London is jointly chaired by the ALG (an elected member) and the GLA (an officer). Its member are from the same organisations involved with the LHB and additional members who have an interest in housing, such as private tenant organisations, Shelter and the London Tenants Federation.</p> <p>The HfFL also has sub groups. The LTF has membership of 2 of its sub groups: the housing supply and the decent homes & regeneration sub groups.</p> <p>It is involved with overseeing implementation and monitoring of the London Housing Strategy.</p>	To its member organisations.	The HfFL has 1 private tenant organisation member and 2 LTF members. The LTF has argued for RSL tenant representation on the forum.	None
The Mayor of London	Currently Ken Livingstone. He has a staff team to represent him on various bodies – like the LHB and the HfFL	To Londoners through the ballot box every 4 years.	The Mayor is obliged to consult on the London Plan and any reviews of the Plan. This includes written responses and Examinations in Public.	The London Plan - a spatial development strategy published in 2004. It is a statutory document aimed at guiding London's development over the coming decades.

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Sub Regional Housing Structures	Housing officers from boroughs in the sub regions: North, East, West, South-East and South-West	Councillors of boroughs in the relevant sub regions.	None. Responsibility for consultation lies with each individual local authority and its councillors.	Sub regional housing strategies relating to housing issues including supply of new housing and allocation of homes, including choice based lettings.
Local Authorities	Elected councillors	The residents of their boroughs. Each local authority has to set and meet targets. Its performance is monitored by government through the Audit Commission.	None at council decision-making level. In some boroughs, there are tenant representatives on Housing Scrutiny committees. Councils are legally obliged to consult with tenants and residents in relation to their homes as set out in the 1985 Housing Act. Some of these responsibilities have been passed to ALMOs to carry out. Local authorities have various types of consultation structures relating to housing and planning that involve tenants and residents.	Various planning and housing strategies.
Regeneration and partnership bodies	Various, including service providers, and some include residents	An increasing number of decisions relating to our homes and communities are being made by a variety of regeneration and partnership organisations, at a local, borough wide and indeed, in the instance of the Thames Gateway, across borough level. Accountability is unclear – but many are funded and monitored by government.	Some have tenant membership and carry out consultation with the tenants and residents within a particular locality.	A variety of delivery plans and strategies.