

APPENDIX 2Union Comments

Both UNISON and Unite support the proposals on the whole. The amalgamation of Housing Repairs and Capital Works was a recommendation in the recent Housing Repairs Review in which the teams and unions were fully consulted with and involved in.

However, there are concerns around how the creation of the new post of Head of Asset Management and Development and the new department will impact on various posts/teams in the Housing department – namely Housing Strategy and the Head of Housing who will be losing 25% of the service that she is responsible for. Some Housing Repairs Operatives have also raised concerns regarding the use of contractors. We would not want to see the loss of the in-house DLO once the service transfers over to the new team.

It is hoped that the new post holder will work closely with the Head of Housing to ensure that collaboration between the teams would continue successfully going forward as there is a lot of cross-over.

It is assumed that the current Head of Property Services supports this proposal as it will even out the workload for the post. Therefore, we support this change.