**INTERGENERATIONAL HOUSING NETWORK**

**Minutes of the inaugural meeting – Thursday 21 March 2019, 2-4pm, Westminster**

**Present**

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| Emma Garland | Hull CC/WCMT |
| Stephen Burke | United for All Ages |
| Nicola Few | Rise Architects |
| Derya Filiz | Anchor Hanover |
| Sam Dalton | The Challenge |
| Roland Karthaus | Matter Architecture |
| Gill Taylor | Haringey Council |
| Yasmin Drakes | Haringey Council |
| Alix De Nercy | Deloitte |
| Toby Carr | Sarah Wigglesworth Architects |
| Kathy Ellis | Clarion Housing Group |
| George Lee | The Age of No Retirement |
| Vafa Hurst | Sussex Housing & Care |
| Angela Vincent | UK Cohousing Network |
| Rachel Endall | Clarion Housing Group |
| Clive Cook | St John’s Winchester |
| Micah Gold | Mobilise |
| Stephen Hill | UK Cohousing Network |
| Clare Skidmore | Housing LIN |
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| Vinesh Pomal | TateHindle |
| Karen Cowan | Ongo |
| Chris Heighway | YMCA Southampton |
| Clare Westbrey-Tong | Eastbourne Homes |
| Dave Richmond | Hull CC |
| Justin Shee | The Kohab |
| Steve Robinson | Prama |
| Paul Housden | Bristol CC |
| April Dobson | Hallmark Care Homes |

1. Stephen Burke, chair, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Intergenerational Housing Network. Emma Garland had initiated the network after her Winston Churchill fellowship and report which has attracted a lot of interest and now a growing number of intergenerational housing projects in the UK. WCMT has provided some funding to get the network started and Emma had worked with United for All Ages to get the network moving. Talks were now taking place on sustaining the network beyond two initial meetings.

1. All present were invited to introduce themselves and their relevant interests. A wide range of organisations and roles were present, and many others were interested in attending future meetings.
2. Emma Garland gave a presentation on her Winston Churchill report on intergenerational housing in the USA (slides are attached). She focused on schemes supporting foster carers and grandfamilies. Questions covered allocations, future-proofing, size of schemes, links with local communities, culture, funding, safeguarding, how they started, timescales, staffing and management.
3. Gill Taylor and Yasmin Drakes from Haringey council gave a presentation on their new intergenerational housing scheme opening in April where some flats in an older people’s sheltered housing scheme will be let to young parents with young children, with the aim of providing mutual support (slides are attached). Questions were raised re consultation, training, safeguarding, staffing, evaluation, steering group, stereotyping, moving on, political support, benefits for the wider community,
4. Emma, Gill and Yasmin were congratulated for their presentations and blazing a trail, with Haringey praised for its brave commissioning which should encourage other councils to develop schemes.
5. Other attendees flagged up current developments and plans – The Age of New Retirement’s Common Room, Ebbsfleet council’s community/housing development, Matter Architecture’s work with Camden council and the GLA that other councils and housing providers are looking at. There is huge scope for reconfiguring sheltered housing schemes across the country. Also need to link with related developments such as asset-based communities (Shared Lives, Homeshare etc), age friendly communities, support for people with learning disabilities etc, and encourage intergenerational thinking across the piece.
6. Future of the network – the initial funding by WCMT would fund one more meeting, likely to be outside London in early July. Emma and Stephen are discussing with Housing LIN about how they could host and fund the network. Clare Skidmore outlined their initial proposals. Further details to follow. All welcomed the continued development of the Intergenerational Housing Network.