

Report on representation on Affinity Sutton Housing Association London and East Regional Scrutiny Board – Cllr Nicholas Bennett

Affinity Sutton is a national housing association which became the parent company of the Broomleigh Housing Association in 2002. Broomleigh was formed in 1992 when it acquired the Bromley Council housing stock. Today Affinity Sutton has more than 12000 properties in Bromley and is a major supplier of social housing in the Home Counties, the East and the North West of England. A number of Regional Scrutiny Boards have been established comprising tenants and local authority representatives. In addition to me, Cllr William Huntingdon-Thresher sits on the board as a nominee of the Housing Association and Cllr Seamus Quilty represents Hertsmere Council.

The main purpose of the Regional Board is to provide a forum for tenants and local authority representatives to scrutinise the work of the Association in the region particularly in respect of services to tenants. As part of its work it receives comments from Resident Area Panels (RAPs) which enable tenants in smaller areas within the region to voice their opinions.

During 2013-14 the Board met four times and scrutinised;

1. the proposed simplification of the Affinity Sutton company structure;
2. the response to repair requests;
3. improvements to the website;
4. management costs;
5. rent arrears, lettings;
6. customer satisfaction;
7. investment;
8. resident involvement.

Report on representation on Bromley Youth Music Trust – Cllr Kate Lymer

BYMT continues to provide a fully inclusive and high quality service to the children of Bromley. With the appointment of Ian Rowe as Principal (former Assistant Head Teacher at Langley Park School for Boys), the focus for development for this year is around school engagement and responding to the National Plan for Music. In short, working even more collaboratively with all

schools in Bromley to support not only the provision of instrumental and vocal tuition, but more holistically, to enhance the quality of the music curriculum being offered in our schools. Understanding that music really does change lives and improves the whole education of a young person. The strengthening of educational partnerships through the Bromley Music Education Hub, will allow the power of music to reach even more children and their families across Bromley and beyond.

BYMT is proud to be the largest service in the Borough. In the past year, BYMT has reached almost 11,000 children with regular tuition and participation in a plethora of musical activities. Notably the outstanding Bromley Schools' Prom, which saw over 2,500 children performing to an incredibly high standard. This together with BYMT's engagement in 100% of the Bromley Schools is highly unusual for a music service.

BYMT continues to develop their provision for SEN children, working closely with schools such as Riverside and Marjorie McClure to provide performance opportunities as well as individual and group tuition. In addition BYMT has forged a closer relationship with Arts Train to offer a stronger provision for hard to reach children, including those educated at our pupil referral unit. Focused projects working with schools in St Mary Cray and Anerley are just two examples of where BYMT is supporting less advantaged families. Indeed, they are also pleased that the centre at James Dixon Primary School (BYMT North West) is increasing in popularity, as well as Penge Strings. BYMT continues to strive to provide access to all children, regardless of background or means, and thanks to the financial support from Bromley Council are able to continue providing remission of fees for these families.

With regards to Nationally recognised events, BYMT again represented Bromley at the prestigious National Schools' Prom at the Royal Albert Hall in November, the only London borough music service to be invited. Both the Bromley Youth Concert Band and XBY (ex- Bromley Youth) Concert Band competed in the World Music Championships in Kerkrade, Netherlands, achieving the high accolade of a "Gold Award". The Adult Choir forged even closer relationships with our twin town, Neuwied, performing a joint production of Handel's Messiah in both Bromley and Neuwied in April and May of 2013. Bromley Young Musicians String Ensemble performed Britten's Noyes Floode at the Royal Festival Hall in collaboration with the London Philharmonic Orchestra. A real highlight of the year was the Bromley Youth Concert Band's joint concert with the Central Band of the RAF, a truly breathtaking performance, also raising £1,000 for charity. On that note, BYMT organised and featured in the Mayor's Charity Concert. This was a truly collaborative event featuring BYMT's Big Bands, Arts Train Academy, local primary and secondary schools as well as Grosse Pointe South High School Show Choir from Michigan, USA, raising over £1,500 for the Mayor's charity Bromley Y. These latter two events were hosted at the outstanding facilities at Langley Park School for Boys. BYMT acknowledge the support of Bromley Council in establishing this beacon of quality provision for the Arts. Indeed, making it possible for BYMT to extend its series of regular concerts, between Summer 2013 – end of Spring 2014, they organised 82 major concerts.

To conclude, BYMT continues to develop both the quality and the inclusivity of its provision. Support and funding from Bromley Council and Arts Council England are invaluable in maintaining arguably the best music service in the UK.

Report on representation on Bromley Healthcare Council of Governors - Councillor Diane Smith

Community Health Services within our Borough have been provided by Bromley Healthcare since 2011. As the London Borough of Bromley representative on the Bromley Healthcare Council of Governors, I have over the last 3 years had the responsibility for ensuring that the views of the Local Authority are taken into account in the decision making process and delivery and development of local community health services.

Since my last report in May 2013 I have continued to attend the planned Council of Governors meetings ensuring the business and objectives of the Local Authority are considered particularly with regard key work streams that have been identified through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) of the Health and Well Being Board, and the associated priorities of the local Public Health agenda.

With this in mind I have continued to undertake a rolling programme of visits to services in which LBB has a key stakeholder interest spending time with Bromley Healthcare staff in the operational and clinical setting, in addition to having individual meetings with both the CEO and Chairman of the organisation.

Over the last year I have taken a particular interest in the continued development of integrated community health and social care teams to support the PrOMISE programme (Proactive Management of Integrated Services for the Elderly). The programme, which aims to ensure that residents in the Borough are supported and remain independent for as long as possible, has Local Authority care management staff undertaking a key role, working as part of the multi disciplinary teams.

I have also spent time with the District Nursing service in Orpington to look at the way that they are using IT via a system called I Nurse. This is a leading mobile patient management system which enables community clinicians to record and communicate patient information at point of care using smart phones or tablet technology.

In the summer I was also invited by Bob Stewart MP and the Chairman of Bromley Healthcare to the Houses of Parliament along with the winners of the Bromley Healthcare staff awards to celebrate the achievements of both the organisation and individual staff members responsible for the delivery of frontline services.

Last winter as part of the reorganisation of Intermediate Care Services within the Borough I visited and spent time with the Bromley Healthcare staff who are responsible for the delivery of both Therapy and Nursing services to the Intermediate Care beds at the newly refurbished Lauriston House, subsequently attending the official opening in January 2014.