

LEEDS TENANTS FEDERATION
TARA PANEL ACTIONS AND TOPIC SUMMARY
Thursday 14th June 2018
Committee Room 5, Leeds Civic Hall 4.30-6.00pm

Attendees

Name	Representing	Initials
Andrea Purdy	Chair LTF and Queenswood TARA	AP
Patricia Jackson	Hunslet TARA	PJ
Margaret Foster	Thorpe TARA	MF
Dennis Moody	LTF Management Board Member	DM
Kimberley Frangos	Wortley TARA	KF
Mick Dodds	St Augustines Court	MD
Stuart Walton	Broadleas Better Communities TARA	SW
Ann Maughan	Sandringham TARA	AM
Sue Clifford	Lakeland Court TARA	SC
Madeline Hunter	Button Hill TARA	MH
Sheila Horne	Whincover Grange Area Representative	SH
Corinne Brown	Churchill Gardens Area Representative	CB
Peter Greenwood	Housing Manager – Tenant Involvement	PG
Tracey McGarry	Housing Assistant – Tenant Engagement	TM
Montserrat Rey	Waste Advisor	MR

Apologies

Neruka White	Gipton Area Representative	NW
Ray Laing	Thorpe TARA	RL
Wendi Carson	Treasurer LTF and Queenswood TARA	WC
Jackie Worthington	Secretary LTF and Atlanta Street TARA	JW
Tony Hepworth	Atlanta Street TARA	TH
Phillip McConnell	Broadleas Better Communities TARA	PMc
Jeff Gantschuck	Westfield TARA	JG
Alan Mann	Holt Park	AM

Conflicts of interest - None

Actions and comments from previous meeting

<p>Actions from January minutes still to be done include TM to share the crime prevention presentation to all TARAs along with David Lawson's contact details. Update: TM confirmed this has been actioned.</p>	
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Actions from February minutes – AP to contact Joanne Hartley to find out about progress on Private Sector Tenant Handbook. Update: Joanne Hartley contacted and the handbook is now available to view on the website. TM to send link. See below.	TM
Actions from February minutes – TM to share mental health presentation. TM advised she wasn't at this meeting but will contact the officer promptly.	TM
Junes meeting: TM to email the presentation from Montserrat Rey.	TM

Waste and Recycling (Montserrat Rey)

The Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF)

Location: Veolia Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility, Newmarket Approach, LS9 0RJ

The Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility is designed to remove recyclable waste from black bins and recover energy from what is left over. It will significantly reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfill.

In the Mechanical Pre-Treatment (MPT) process the black bin rubbish collected from the city and delivered to the facility is shredded and then sorted to extract recyclable material that has been placed in the black bin.

Using different types of automated technology, the RERF extracts plastics, paper/cardboard, ferrous and non-ferrous metals such as food and drink cans. These materials are then sent to re-processors where they can be made into new products.

This plant can take out up to 20% of the waste for recycling, contributing towards achieving Leeds ambitious recycling targets.

When all the recyclables have been removed the remaining waste is burnt in carefully controlled conditions. The heat from the combustion process is used to turn water into steam. The steam then power a turbine to generate around 13MW of electricity for export to the National Grid. This is enough to power in the region of 22,000 homes.

The Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility has the flexibility to generate thermal energy which could be used to heat buildings and offices locally.

The water used in the process is recycled.

The ash (known as Incinerator Bottom Ash) that comes out of the end of the process, which can contain gravel-like remnants of glass, brick, stone, concrete and ceramics, are recycled into construction aggregate, which replaces quarried material in the production of asphalt and cement.

How can everyone recycle more effectively?

Packaging labels and recycling symbols are now appearing on lots of everyday items, and help us to identify how different types of packaging can be recycled.

Look out for the labels which appear on all sorts of packaging - from soft drink cans, to bread bags and plastic toiletry bottles. They will tell you whether the packaging is likely to be collected for recycling or if you can take it to your local recycling centre.

As local authorities do not all collect the same materials, the labels are based on what the majority collect, or do not collect.

If in doubt, enter your postcode into our Recycling Locator to find out what you can put in your recycling bin at home, where your nearest recycling locations are and how to recycle specific items such as mobile phones and textiles.

To avoid taking home more carrier bags, choose reusable shopping bags: keep them in the car boot or pop a folded cotton bag in your handbag or pocket so you always have one to hand.

Contact your local [Furniture Re-use Network](#) - they distribute unwanted furniture and household goods to those in need.

Having a clear out? Donate good quality clothing, books and unwanted gifts to charity shops. Alternatively use the clothing banks at your local recycling centre.

Useful links and resources:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling>

<https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-knowledge/facts-and-info>

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/recycling-sites>

<https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-knowledge/packaging-symbols-explained>

<http://www.whatgoeswhere.org.uk/>

RERF tours - Please email leeds.enquiries@veolia.co.uk to find out more. Available to groups of 6 or more, must be over 16. Any questions call 0203 567 8430 for further information.

Communications from and promotion of the panel

The panel are committed to share information from this meeting with their local groups and communities through as many channels as possible, including face-to-face meetings, public events, social media and to promote the work of the panel to as many communities as possible.

Date of next meeting:

Friday 15th July 2018 – Committee Room 5, Leeds Civic Hall.