**INTERGENERATIONAL HOUSING NETWORK**

**Minutes of the third meeting – Thursday 17 October 2019, 2-4pm, Westminster**

**Present**

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| Emma Garland | Hull CC/WCMT |
| Stephen Burke | United for All Ages |
| Alice Williams | Homeshare UK |
| Lois Beech | Housing LIN |
| Julie Smith | Corstophine + Wright |
| Roland Karthaus | Matter Architecture |
| Sam Dalton | The Challenge/APPG on Social Integration |
| Alan Marples | Riverside |
| Jo Gooding | Gateshead council |
| Julie Smyth | Corstophine + Wright |
| Liz Alvey | Westminster city council |
| Angela Vincent | UK Cohousing Network/Trust |
| Stephen Hill | UK Cohousing Network/Trust |
| Fran Toomey | UK Cohousing Network/Trust |
| Rachael Dutton | St Monica Trust |
| Micah Gold | Mobilise Public Ltd |
| Anja Lock | Centrepoint |
| Lauren Green | Centrepoint |
| Craig Hamilton | Centrepoint |
| George Lee | The Age of No Retirement |
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| Apologies received from 22 others |  |

1. Stephen Burke, chair, welcomed everyone to the third meeting of the Intergenerational Housing Network, which Emma Garland had initiated following her Winston Churchill fellowship and report. The meeting was kindly hosted by WA. The meeting had three excellent presentations lined up and provided a chance to share ideas, lessons and plans, as well as feedback on issues at previous meetings. All present introduced themselves and their relevant interests – a wide range of organisations and roles were represented.
2. Roland Karthaus from Matter Architecture presented on the need for a new strategic approach to intergenerational housing, what that might look like and a preview of schemes being developed in Ealing and Camden. Questions/comments included mainstreaming intergenerational housing, language, drivers in councils, measures of success eg sustainability, age vs need. Roland’s presentation is on the United for All Ages website. Roland can be contacted at: [rk@matterarchitecture.uk](mailto:rk@matterarchitecture.uk)
3. Alan Marples from Riverside presented about their extra care schemes developed with Hull city council which provide independent homes for adults of all ages with additional needs. Alan invited all present to visit Hull see their extra care schemes - see below. Questions/comments included joined up working across care, housing and other services, the financial/business case, language (‘intergenerational’), housing choice, complexity of management, staff skills, mitigating risks, potential for much wider roll-out, ensuring the voice of service users in design. Alan’s presentation is on the United for All Ages website. Alan can be contacted at: [Alan.Marples@riverside.org.uk](mailto:Alan.Marples@riverside.org.uk)
4. Sam Dalton from The Challenge who provide the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration presented on draft recommendations for the APPG’s forthcoming report on intergenerational housing and other issues as part of its inquiry into intergenerational connection. Members welcomed the opportunity following the recent consultation and commented on several recommendations, including more focus on what younger people want, the need for good housing at all ages, NPPF use classes, council land disposals, co-design, integrating wide-ranging outcomes, political will, looking beyond housing to making the wider public realm and facilities work for all ages, deliverability and revenue funding constraints, evidencing benefits, language (again!). If you have further comments/suggestions, Sam can be contacted at: [sam.dalton@the-challenge.org](mailto:sam.dalton@the-challenge.org)
5. Roland, Alan and Sam were thanked for their thought-provoking presentations showing how intergenerational housing schemes could be further developed and supported and providing opportunities for future activities of the network eg a seeing is believing visit to Hull plus a meeting/lunch in early 2020.
6. Other attendees flagged up work they are currently involved with including homeshare, an intergenerational neighbourhood in the heart of Gateshead, MHCLG research on loneliness (details to follow), downsizing, support for younger and older people in the Haringey intergenerational housing project (see previous meetings) and its evaluation by Dr Ali Somers and housing allocation, the Common Room developments in Waltham Forest and Camden, and the Age of No Retirement’s’ design principles.
7. Future of the Intergenerational Housing Network – Emma explained that the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust has invited bids from fellows on how to take forward recommendations from their reports. She will work up a bid to do this by developing the network’s activities over the coming year. Stephen will ask network members what key outcomes they would like to see from the network’s work by the end of 2020 and then a costed plan of activities will be drafted. This and previous network meetings had identified a range of issues that could also be pursued.