

HOUSING ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024



Showcasing our standout moments and achievements from 2023/24

HOUSING MANAGEMENT AT A GLANCE



Tenancy Engagement

As of 31st March 2024, we had 73 members of the Resident Opinion Panel.

Residents participated in two South Coast Training days at the Novotel in Southampton.

Resident Opinion Panel members attended a Kier Customer Mapping Workshop.

Planning was approved to build **15 new homes** across Stoners Close, Glebe Drive and Wheeler Close.

We produced our Summer and Winter editions of the At Your Service magazine.

We held Resident Opinion Panel meetings, in April and November, which was well attended and received positive feedback.

We are always working to improve how we engage with residents and increase representation.

Please see our latest article on page 18, how you can become involved.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

The rent paid for Council homes goes in a Housing Revenue Account. This account is ring-fenced which means the income and rent received cannot go on other Council services or non-housing projects.

The income (rent) received then pays for staff costs, repairs, maintenance, and other landlord responsibilities and functions.

We delivered a balanced budget for 2023-24. This means that what we spent to deliver our services and maintain our homes <u>was matched with our income</u>.

£17.2m
Total income

£828k
Service charges tenants

£468k Other charges

EXPENDITURE

£16.4mTotal Expenditure

£2.76m

General management

£2.43m

Special maintenance

£5.5m

Repairs and maintenance

£3.3m

Major Repairs

£2.1m

Interest on debt

£340k

Other

TENANT SATISFACTION MEASURES 2023

About Tenant Satisfaction Measures

In April 2023, the government introduced new Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSMs) for social housing landlords, including councils.

The Regulator of Social Housing (the regulator) will use the TSMs to measure whether social housing landlords are delivering good quality homes and housing services. They will also help identify areas that need to be improved.

Every year the council, and other social housing landlords, will have to assess whether our tenants are satisfied with the homes and housing services we offer.

The TSMs will make it easier for our tenants to see how well we are doing and hold us to account if something goes wrong or isn't good enough.

How the measures are divided

12 customer perception measures

We will ask tenants about these in our TSM survey. There are **L** tenant Satisfaction Measures

That all social housing landlords must report on.
They are split into two parts:

performance measures

To collect information on these we will use performance management.

Tenant Perception Survey – what we did

A census approach was taken for the TSMs survey, which was launched on 14 July 2023 and was in field until 30 January 2024. All tenants were invited to share their views and we thank the households who responded to our survey.



840 households responded to our survey online, by post and in person



An incentive of a prize draw for £100.00 shopping voucher was offered to encourage tenants to respond



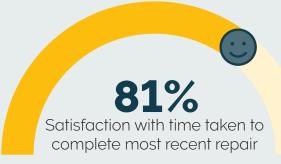
An easy read guide to the survey was available on request

RESULTS OF OUR TENANT PERCEPTION SURVEY 2023











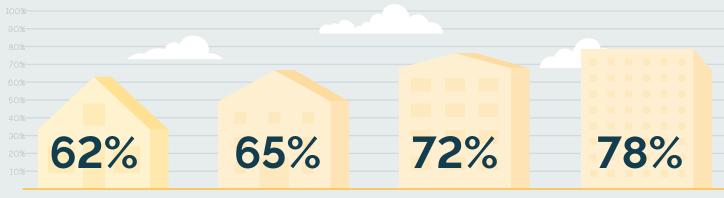
Satisfaction that the landlord keeps communal areas clean and well-maintained



Satisfaction that the home is well-maintained



Satisfaction that the home is safe



Satisfaction that the landlord makes a positive contribution to neighbourhoods

Satisfaction that the landlord listens to tenant views and acts upon them

Satisfaction that the landlord keeps tenants informed about things that matter to them Agreement that the landlord treats tenants fairly and with respect



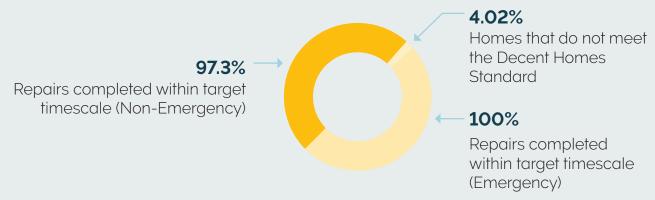


Satisfaction with the landlord's approach to handling of complaints......38%

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT RESULTS 2023

How are we doing?

Keeping properties in good repair (RP)



Maintaining building safety (BS)



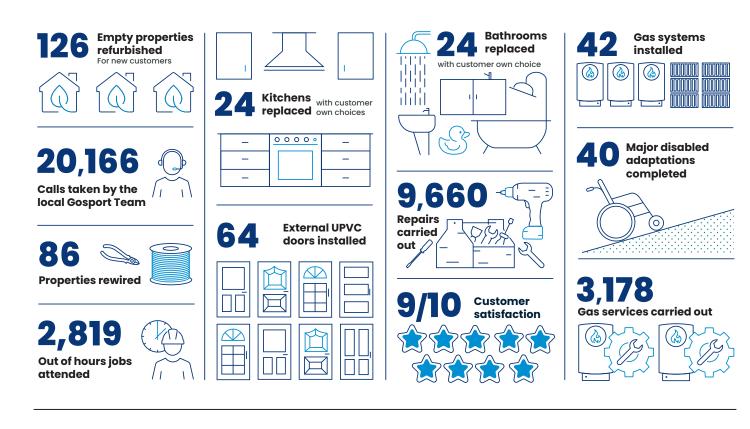
Effective handling of complaints

Complaints relative to the size of the landlord		
Stage 1 complaints received per 1,000 homes	16.0	
Stage 2 complaints received per 1,000 homes	2.3	
Complaints responded to within Complaint Handling Code timescales		
Stage 1 complaints responded to in target time	91.8	

Responsible neighbourhood management

Anti-social behaviour cases relative to the size of the landlord	
ASB cases received per 1,000 units27.4	
Hate crimes received per 1,000 units0.0	

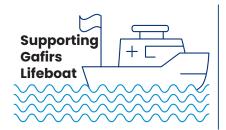
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE AT A GLANCE SERVICE PROVIDER KIER



THE TEAM 2023-2024



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT 2023-2024



Local charity support including Macmillan, Children In Need and Oakley Waterman









CHALLENGES AND WHERE WE WANT TO IMPROVE

Some of the challenges we face:

Ageing stock profile – 58% of our stock is over 60 years old. It can be more difficult to improve and adapt older properties due to construction types.

Increasing costs for repairs and maintenance – the costs of repairing and maintaining our properties is rising due to external influences.

Key areas that we would like to improve include:

Complaints – we want to reduce the number of complaints by improving how we communicate with you and keep you informed, particularly on the progress of repairs and tenancy management matters.

Customer satisfaction – in particular around how we address anti-social behaviour issues and identify service improvement opportunities.

Communication and Involvement:

- we will meet with you as part of our tenancy update visits to capture and update tenant profiles, as well as identify any unmet support needs.
- find ways to encourage more of you to be actively involved in some of our decisions and policy development.
- act on findings from our tenant perception surveys.
- resume estate inspections.

Maintaining our properties – we will continue to complete stock condition surveys of all our properties to inform us what works are required.







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