

RBH Mutual Rules Review

RBH mutual rules came into effect in June 2013, as RBH became a mutual housing organisation. Since then, the rules have been referred to on a daily basis and helped greatly with the effective running of the Society. However, over the years, it has become apparent that a number of rules in practice are no longer fit for purpose. This breaks down into three distinct areas:

Procedural – whilst they have been in use, it has become clear that a number of areas of the rules do not work effectively in practice. This is primarily in relation to the procedures to be followed for the election of members to the Representative Body.

Transitional – following the transfer from Rochdale Council, a number of transitional arrangements were put in place at the request of the Council. These arrangements were to last for a period of five years following transfer. Therefore, as at March 2017 these provisions were no longer required and therefore have been removed from the rules.

Legal and Statutory – at transfer in March 2012, RBH was registered as an Industrial and Provident Society. Following the enactment of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act in 2014, RBH is now registered as a Community Benefit Society. Therefore, some changes have been made to the rules to ensure that they are compliant with this legislation. In addition, the rules have been reviewed by external solicitors to ensure that they are compliant with other relevant law and legislation, such as the Housing and Regeneration Act.