Tenant Satisfaction Survey Results 2019

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RESULTS - BENCHMARKING QUESTIONS (2017 RESULTS IN BRACKETS)

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- 84% (88%) are satisfied with the way repairs and maintenance is dealt with
- 65% (71%) are satisfied that the Council listens to their views
- 85% (88%) are satisfied that their rent provides value for money
- 66% (72% are satisfied that their service charges provide value for money



BACKGROUND

Carried out every 2 years

Sample size 36% general needs, 100% sheltered

Response options

- Email with link to digital survey
- Postal with hard copy
- Online QR code in covering letter
- Returns 709 general needs, 254 sheltered
- ₩ Overall response rate 46%
- In the second secon





These remain unchanged from previous surveys:

- Older households more satisfied than younger households
- Stanmore households least satisfied of the district areas
- Those on benefits more satisfied to those not entitled to benefits
- Sheltered are more satisfied than general needs



SUMMARY HEADLINES

- Overall results are good Largely top quartile and above median
- Sheltered generally top quartile performance along with repairs and maintenance overall
- Increase in number with no view or neutral view accounts for some falls in satisfaction. Dissatisfaction levels largely unchanged
- All results appear to be lower than 2017, however with the +/- 2.84% at 95% confidence level - largely within the same range.



RESULTS – TOP 5 SERVICE PRIORITIES

General Needs

- 1. Repairs and maintenance (75%)
- 2. Quality of home (57%)
- 3. Listening to views and acting on them (31%)
- 4. Value for money for rent (28%)
- 5. Dealing with anti-social behaviour (28%)
- Sheltered
 - 1. Repairs and maintenance (58%)
 - 2. Keeping residents informed (45%)
 - 3. Quality of home (42%)
 - 4. The Community Alarm or Lifeline Service for older residents (38%)
 - 5. Listening to views and acting on them (36%)



RESULTS

General Services

- 88% were satisfied that the Council treats them fairly
- 92% were satisfied that the Council has friendly and approachable staff
- 84% were satisfied with the way their enquiries are dealt with in general

Repairs and Maintenance

- 84% satisfied with their gas servicing arrangement
- 8 27% didn't know who their Area Property Surveyor (APS) was
- 52% had had a visit from an APS
- 88% were satisfied with the outcome of the visit from their APS
- 84% believed they were listened to by the surveyor
- 34% had to contact Housing to chase works



RESULTS CONT. Estate Services

- 30% report that the appearance of their neighbourhood has improved in the last 3 years
- 85% are satisfied with the safety and security of their home

Sheltered

- 71% satisfied with the helpfulness of the team
- 65% satisfied with overall service
- 92% satisfied with ease of access to their home and inside the building
- Lower levels of satisfaction (89% in 2019) with ease of access to building compared to 95% in 2017 – may relate to improved security systems making it more difficult to gain access.

Contact and Communication

- 69% found getting hold of the right person easy
- 71% use the internet
- Improvements digital inclusion for older age groups
 - within sheltered this may in part be due to Wi-Fi installation at sheltered schemes



RESULTS CONT.

Tenant Information & Making Views Known

- 81% feel that the Council is good at keeping them informed about things that might affect them as a tenant
- 69% are satisfied that the Council gives them opportunities to make their views known
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- Reasons given for not coming to TACT
 - Bon't feel comfortable in meetings (31%)
 - Haven't got the time (21%)
 - Don't know what they do, what their purpose is (21%)
 - I can't get there due to work commitments (18%)
 - I don't want to share my view in this way (13%)
- Reasons given for not coming to Tenant Conference
 - Work commitments (24%)
 - Not sure what it's about (21%)
 - Haven't got the time (17%)
 - Not interested (15%)
- In State of Tenant Voice and of those only 26% read it



FOCUS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

Here are a set of dissatisfaction of 10% and above

- ₩ Quality of home 11%
- Repairs and maintenance 10%
- Elistening to views and acting on them 11%
- Service charges 10%
- Complaints 10%
- Monti-social behaviour -10%
- Time taken to answer their query 17%
- In Final outcome of query 16%
- Sheltered
 - In Frequency of presence on the scheme 20%
 - In Frequency of face to face contact on scheme 15%
 - Overall sheltered service 12%



ACTION

Repairs and Maintenance –

- Area Property Surveyor new tenant visits should address face to face contact issues
- satisfaction survey changes collecting qualitative information about why tenants are dissatisfied
- Repairs Maintenance Service Delivery Group discussion of results – to inform a follow up digital survey – especially to find out what chasing works relates to.
- Istening to views and acting on them −
 - Take every opportunity to find out what views it is we are not listening to through -
 - Tenant Voice Article
 - Digital survey and focus group work
 - Henant Conference



ACTION cont.

Sheltered –

Restructure – increased face to face contact, increased presence on the scheme, change of duties, becoming more person focused than property focused

Service charges –

- Independent review commissioned,
- Digital survey and focus group work in programme to investigate further.

Contact and communication –

- Corporately projects underway to make improvements to telephone contact, digital options
- Housing hub coming up to sit in housing service.



ACTION – TENANT INVOLVEMENT

- TACT Results discuss following proposals for action with Chair, Support Group and TACT
 - Move away from meetings in sheltered common rooms
 - Continue with meetings moving around the district and blitz area with posters to promote
 - Email invites and the topics that will be covered
 - Proposal to Chair to have the summer meeting in the evening and offer food
 - Promote transport options
- Opportunities for Making views known
 - Making people aware of options available through the e-newsletter
 - Tenant Compact work will inform other measures required
- Tenant Conference & Tenant Voice
 - Discuss results with all stakeholders



REVIEW OF HOUSEMARK STAR TOOL

- The HouseMark Tenant Satisfaction Survey framework under review
- In Response to the Green Paper New Deal for Social Housing
- Impact of Grenfell Tragedy
- Increasing importance of understanding how tenants feel their views are listened to and being respected.
- Ensuring the Benchmarking suite delivers reliable comparisons
- WCC is involved in the consultation programme to design the new structure



