

- **ARCH(Association of Retained Council Housing)**

Paul Price is the new Chief Executive of ARCH – he took over from John Bibby who retired at the end of May.

Meetings have continued virtually during the pandemic – feelers were put out about returning to in-person meetings but there wasn't sufficient support in favour to make it a financially viable option. The subject will be revisited after the Annual Tenants' Group in September – to be held (the Resident Involvement Team will give further information at the TLP meeting).

Fire Safety is a recurring agenda item but there's not been much new information to report. The executive notes with concern the number of changes of housing ministers in such a short time, this in turn affects policy continuity.

There continues to be fruitful discussions and input with the Housing Regulator and Ombudsman

- **Stop Social Housing Stigma Campaign- SSHS (formerly See the Person)**

The group recently had a governance review and relaunch, with a new name which reflected its core purpose better. Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) & TPAS have been very instrumental prior to and through our relaunch. We continue to receive promising responses from organisations who understand and share our goals/aims and also grateful for our old and new sponsors. We would very much welcome Croydon to partake in this journey with us as sponsor/ambassador

Like majority of groups, meetings have been online throughout the pandemic with our first in-person strategy meeting taking place a month or so ago. We've also run two well-attended workshops within the last month, one at the National Housing Federation (NHF) Conference and the recent one at the TPAS Conference.

We look forward to a very busy but exciting itinerary ahead of us