

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY – 4 MARCH 2014

QUESTION FOR PORTFOLIO HOLDER
UNDERSTANDING ORDER NO.20

Question from Cllr Morris for the Portfolio Holder – Housing and Customer Access

The majority of changes to Legislation (amendments to the Mobile Homes Act) come into effect from next month, and the Forum has been a beneficial and essential way of keeping residents updated on the changes and also it has been a way of giving residents confidence to address problems within their sites and it has served to ensure that residents within Mobile Home Parks in Exeter no longer feel that they are the forgotten electorate. Could I therefore ask for your reassurance that you will continue to support the Mobile Homes Forum given our responsibility as the Local Authority responsible for issuing the licenses to Park Site Owners and also given that other Local Authorities have since followed our lead and have set up similar Forums within their areas.

Answer

I recognise the success of the Mobile Homes Forum in giving a stronger voice to the many Exeter residents who have made their home in one of Exeter's four licensed residential park home sites, and in linking with other park home associations across the peninsula. I can reassure Councillor Morris that her good work in helping to set up and Chair the Forum will not be lost, but will be continued in the future. The Forum has an important role to play as it is not felt that recent legislation has gone far enough.