Message from Library Street Neighbourhood Forum to Southwark Council's Overview & Scrutiny Meeting 28.1.04

The longstanding policy of Library Street Neighbourhood Forum is that tenants should not accept any changes to the Tenancy Agreement before Tenants Council (TC) has considered the full implications of any changes having obtained independent legal advice. The Forum has expressed our view to Tenants Council, and we are unhappy that TC has agreed to changes in the Agreement without receiving independent legal advice, especially when Tenants Council itself had voted several times to do so.

We ask the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to return the issue of the draft Tenancy Agreement to the Executive Committee, and in turn the tenant consultation structure for the TC to obtain proper independent legal advice as a matter of urgency, funded if necessary by the Tenant Fund, before a fresh decision is taken on the contents of both the Tenancy Agreement and the Tenants Handbook.

Sonya Murison, Chair