

The Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport – Shona Robison MSP

Meeting with Bield Housing and Care	
Where	Parliament – Room: T3.03
When	25 January: 10:30 – 11:00 (Pre-meet with officials @ 10:00)
Key Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure smooth transition for residents and staff affected • Investigate ways of handling Falkirk's situation
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Logan, Chief Executive of Bield and Charlie Dickson, Director of Care Services, Bield
Annexes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex A – Bield Attendees • Annex B – Main Purpose and Areas to Focus On <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED]
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Press	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] – Adult Social Care Policy, Care Supports and Rights Division; [REDACTED] Integration Division.

ATTENDEES

Brian Logan

Brian Logan was appointed Chief Executive of Bield in April 2010 having previously served as Director of Finance & ICT for five years. Bield is a leading provider of housing, care and support services for older people and seeks to improve quality of life by enabling older people to live as independently as possible, making their own choices about how they live their lives. Since his appointment, Bield has embarked on a substantial change programme, responding to the shifting aspirations of older people, changes in policy and commissioning and the need to modernise processes and structures.

A Chartered Public Finance Accountant, Brian was previously employed at Hanover (Scotland) HA and at City of Edinburgh Council. He studied Accountancy and Business at Edinburgh University. He is Vice Chair of East Lothian Housing Association and serves as a trustee of two UK-wide charities.

In 2013, he was a member of the Scottish Government/COSLA Task Force looking at the future of Residential Care in Scotland.

Charlie Dickson

Charlie Dickson has overall responsibility for the organisation's £12 million Care Services function, which includes 12 care homes, 5 day care services and various home care services, as well as being responsible for Bield's 37 Very Sheltered Housing complexes. In terms of Bield's housing provision, Bield has over 150 housing developments specifically for older people, including rental income of over £30m.

Bield Housing and Care

Bield, established in 1971, is a not-for-profit organisation which offers housing and support services to enable older people to maintain their independence. This includes housing for rent and for sale on a shared ownership basis as well as home and day care services which provide support for those in need of extra help.

As one of the largest providers of housing and care in Scotland, Bield has just over 5300 properties and a number of Care Services. Bield's brand promise is 'Free to be' – which is based on their belief that older people should have the freedom to make their own choices and be free to live as independently as possible.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Aim

- To establish whether all steps are being taken by Bield to ensure the wellbeing of, and continuity of care for, residents, particularly in areas such as Falkirk where there are still challenges. The meeting will also be useful in preparation for forthcoming meeting with Save the Bield campaign.

Areas To Focus On

- An understanding from Bield re. reason for closures/model of service provision going forward
- An update from Bield around progress on closures
- Specific challenges eg Falkirk – challenges in progressing re-accommodation
- Staffing – update from Bield on support for staff in gaining new employment
- Changes to other Bield services – e.g. Bield Flexi Care Service (Fife), Falkirk day services
- Next steps – forthcoming meetings with Save Our Bield campaign

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