

CITY BOARD 30 JUNE 2011

ITEM B6

DERBY HOMES WEBSITE - UPDATE

Report of the Director of Housing and Customer Service

1. SUMMARY

This report explains progress on the development of Derby Homes website.

2. RECOMMENDATION

To note progress made.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Derby Homes launched the new improved website on 7 June 2010. The website had been completely redesigned to make it much more user friendly.
- 3.2 Derby Homes Customer Service Strategy requires the development of more 'self service' in conjunction with existing and traditional methods for tenants to interact with Derby Homes. It is cost effective for tenants to have the option to access services and information through the website, rather than visiting a local housing office or contacting the Enquiry Centre, particularly as the website is available 24 hours a day, every day.
- 3.3 Development work on the new 'Tenants Dashboard' started on 28 February 2011. There were a number of technical issues to overcome, however the project ran very much to plan and the new software was available for testing during late May. Rigourous testing was carried out by staff and tenants. The new Tenants Dashboard was launched on 6 June 2011.
- 3.4 The dashboard is a tenant's personal area of the website. It contains information specific to their tenancy. Tenants have to register and have a password. When they are registered they are able to:
 - Report repairs and request progress reports
 - Complete satisfaction surveys
 - View their repairs history including completed repairs and repairs that are still to be completed
 - Look at repairs and improvements that are planned for their property such as new kitchens and bathrooms
 - Update their personal details, such as telephone numbers
 - Make rent payments, view their payment record and request information
 - Keep a collection of personal tenancy information in their own 'my documents' area.

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- 3.5 There are already 375 tenants signed up to the dashboard. The aim is to get as as many tenants signed up as possible. A rigourous marketing campaign will be implemented involving staff at all levels within Derby Homes.
- 3.6 Appendix 1 shows some screen shots from the dashboard to give a flavour of how it looks. This is a real example that has been made anonymous.
 - 1A shows the front page of the dashboard and the options available for tenants
 - 1B shows the repairs history statement giving completed and scheduled repairs
 - 1C shows the planned maintenance for that property, which is a kitchen replacement in 2014
 - 1D shows the rent history statement showing payments made. Tenants are able to vary the period of rent and repair statements in exactly the same way as for on-line banking
 - 1E shows the 'my documents' area with an example of a customer care leaflet uploaded.

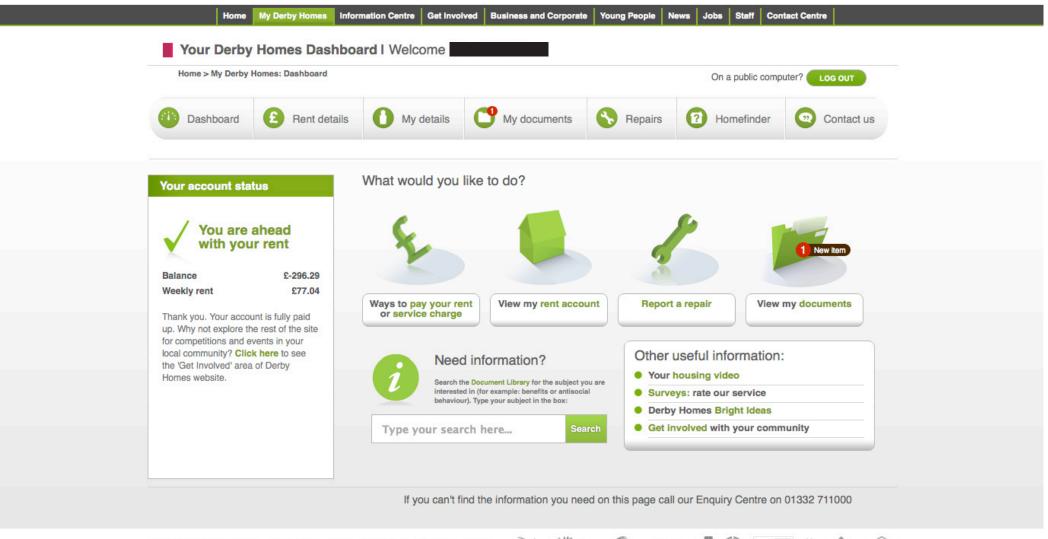
The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report:

- Consultation
- Financial and Business Plan
- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Risk
- Policy Review

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or Phil Davies, Chief Executive, phil.davies@derbyhomes.org – Phone: 01332 888528

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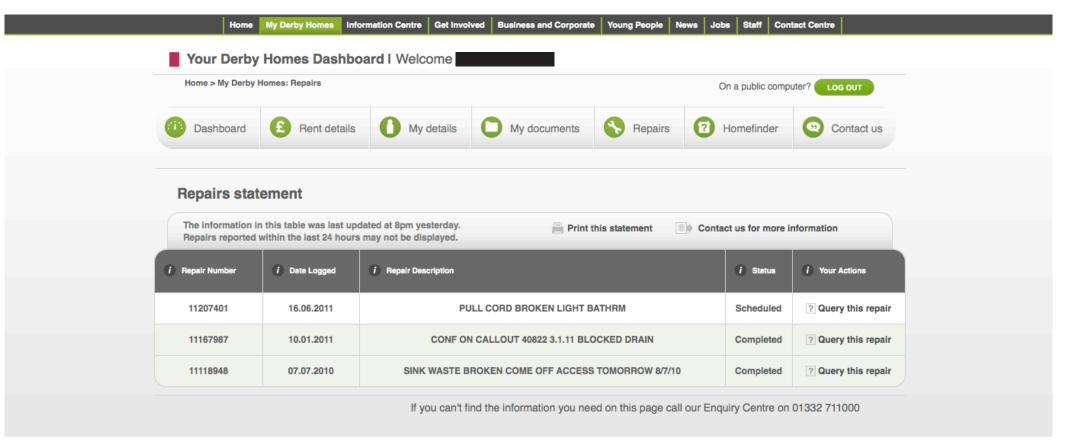












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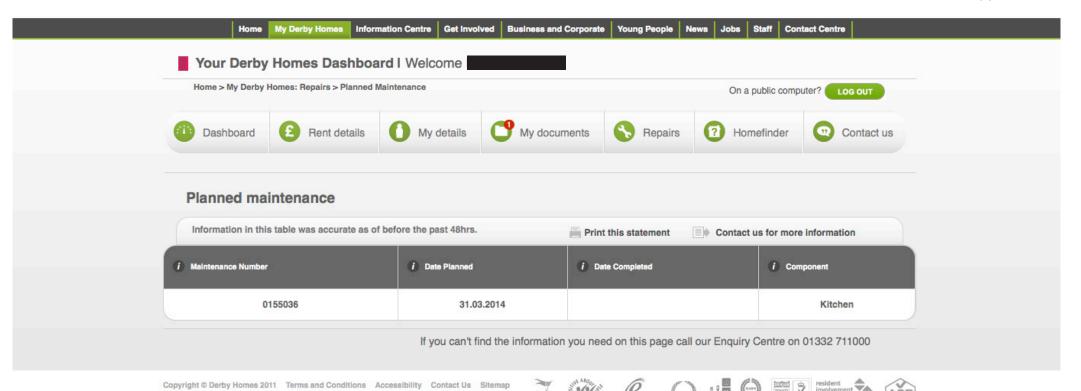




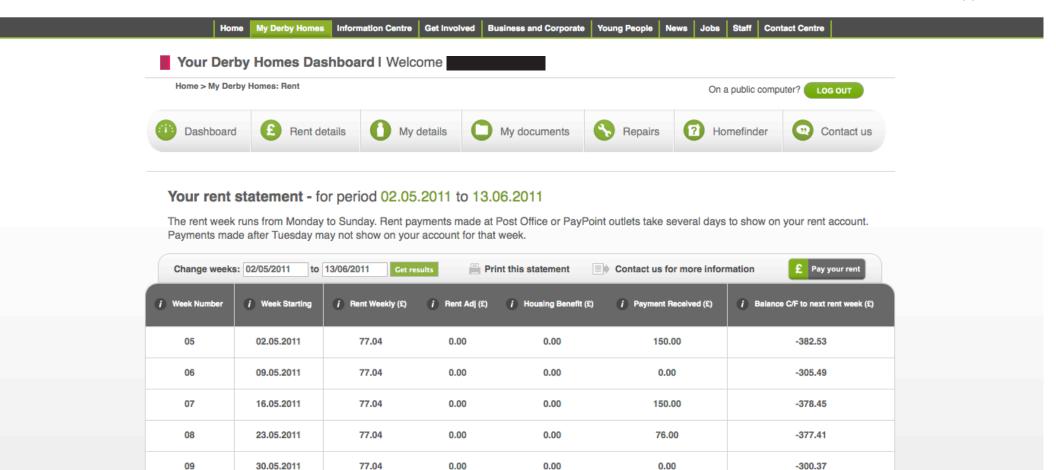
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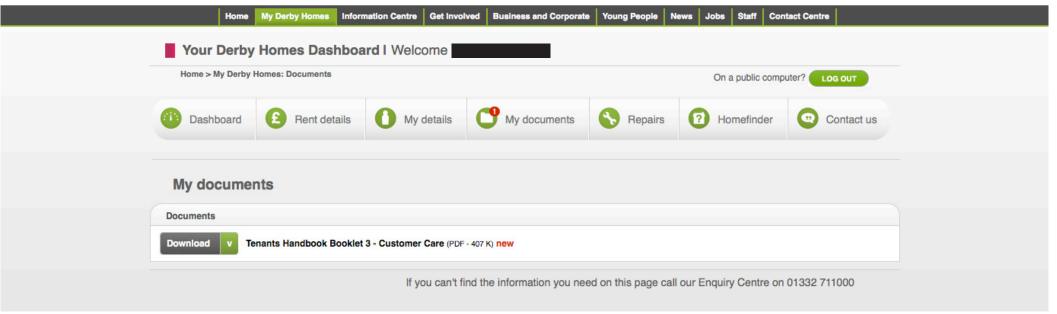
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