

### **Communal Cleaning of Flats – TFEC Response**

*On the proposal for a charge on tenants who reside in flats for cleaning of communal areas i.e. stairwells, landings, windows and entrance doors:*

TFEC would like to point out that we feel this is not a wide spread problem and indeed some of the communal areas are well kept and maintained by the tenants themselves and before a charge is considered all areas should be upgraded to the same level, e.g. St Johns Court, then maybe a charge across the board could be justified.

At present we feel that this proposal would be unfair to those who take pride in currently cleaning their communal areas and we feel tenants cleaning their communal areas should be enforced by the conditions of tenancy which are in force at present.

Whilst we note that the charge would attract Housing Benefit this may not remain the case and once implemented would never be reversed and not every one would qualify.

We would ask the Committee to consider, before any charges are agreed, to defer until all landing and stairwells are upgraded to the same standard as St Johns Court and also in the mean time all tenants of flats are reminded of their responsibilities under their conditions of tenancies to keep their communal areas clean and tidy.