

YOU SAID, WE DID

Ipswich Borough Council are listening to our tenants to shape and improve our services as a Social Housing Provider

LISTEN & ACT

April 24 – July 25

YOU SAID	WE DID
Information was not clear or consistent when providing advice to household members when a tenancy holder passes away	We have produced a process for staff to ensure clear and consistent messages are provided to those families that may have lost a family member in their home who was the tenancy holder. We have also recruited additional Housing Officers which has reduced the number of homes on each Housing Officer area to enable a more focussed support to tenants living in the areas they manage and who may need more intensive support. You may receive letters that refer to Use and Occupation or Succession. These are industry terms
Sometimes when homes are advertised for let, the size of homes have been advertised incorrectly.	We have reviewed our processes to ensure that when homes are advertised we include the latest information, we will continue to look at how we can improve further.
That you had concerns that our homes were not being returned in very good condition.	We are reviewing and increasing our inspections of our homes to ensure they are being maintained whilst occupied. We have also introduced a new tenant induction training programme aimed at supporting tenants to understand the terms and conditions of their tenancy.
Our policy on how someone may succeed to a late person's tenancy was unclear	We have developed a new policy and to ensure the process is clear for all tenants and their households and anyone that finds themselves in the position of having rights to succeed to a tenancy.
July 20 – Sept 25	
You didn't feel you saw your Housing Officer enough	We recruited more Housing Officer's therefore reducing the rounds so that more time could be spent on the estate. Also - We introduced Estate events to target particular areas of concern, and gives an opportunity for tenants to talk to their Housing Officers in person
There was fly tipping causing an issue around Defoe Rd	We set up an event to proactively clear all the rubbish in the area
You were having difficulties accessing the online Housing services.	We have a planned workshop to support Tenants to use the service and all our staff are able to offer advice and assistance should you require it.
October 25 - December 25	
That our Tenancy Agreement and Conditions can be difficult to read and understand for some.	We have produced an Easy Read Guide to Your Tenancy Agreement that we can provide to tenants to support our full Tenancy Agreement/Conditions



COMPLAINTS HANDLING

April 24 – July 25

YOU SAID

You don't feel we listen to your complaints or handle them thoroughly.

WE DID

We have now reviewed our Complaint Handling in line with the new Housing Ombudsman Complaint Handling Code. We are also looking and reflecting on our lessons learnt from complaints made, which we will collaboratively scrutinise alongside our Tenant Engagement Panel.



ASB HANDLING

April 24 – July 25

YOU SAID

You're not happy with our dealing of ASB issues and communicating updates.

WE DID

We are looking at implementing stages of process to record and manage ASB cases and communicate updates to tenants. We are also introducing a new IT system which will be focussed on robust case management principles including consistent risk assessments and mutually agreed action plans. We have also introduced the noise app as a mechanism to accurately record instances of noise related ASB which will in turn help us to support those experiencing this type of ASB.

April 25 – December 25

YOU SAID

Issues around ASB – arson, bin issues, safety checks were raised by tenants

WE DID

We provided further information on how to report ASB. What is ASB and how the process works to tenants

WE'RE DOING

We have a planned ASB Talkabout Session to be held in 2026



FAIRNESS & RESPECT

July 25 – Sept 25

YOU SAID

We don't fully consider your needs within our communication methods

WE DID

We have taken measures to improve our knowledge of our tenant's vulnerabilities and protected characteristics. This enables us to tailor our services to tenants needs

October 25 – December 25

YOU SAID

You didn't know who your housing officer is

WE DID

We planned 'Meet your housing Officer' events around the town

WE'RE DOING

We will continue to plan such events through 2026



COMMUNAL AREAS

July 25 – Sept 25

YOU SAID

You didn't like the build up of rubbish around the bin area

WE DID

We introduced new bins with labels to support correct disposal of rubbish

Fly tipping in an area and non residents using the bin area wrongly

We introduced a new lockable bin area that Tenants could access

There were issues with items in the communal area with no means to clear by tenants

Set up an event to provide a skip to clear the communal area



REPAIRS SERVICE

October 25 – December 25

YOU SAID

Tenants said they were having issues with reporting repairs online or by phone.

WE DID

As part of our community engagement events our repairs managers attended to assist tenants with raising repairs whilst on site.

YOU SAID

Tenants were having difficulties in using our online service

WE DID

We held a workshop in October 25 involving tenants and our Customer Services Team. Our Customer Services Team have also made many improvements to the service.

WE'RE DOING

We are continuing to hold workshops. Our Customer Services Team plan to attend our 'Talkabouts' to help people access online services and help to resolve any issues.

Our Customer Services Team are planning on reintroducing the improved service at our February 2026 Tenant Engagement Panel meeting.