

NHF EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE CODE FOR MEMBERS

Report of the Director & Company Secretary

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report looks at Sections D - F of the National Housing Federation (NHF) publication Excellence in Governance a Code for Board Members.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Committee

1. considers the issues raised in Sections D – F of the National Housing Federation (NHF) publication Excellence in Governance a Code for Board Members
2. considers Sections G, H and I at the next meeting and that the Chief Executive and the Chair of each Committee be invited to attend as outlined in paragraph 3.5.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The National Housing Federation (NHF) publication, Excellence in Governance a Code for Board Members, contains 13 sections with recommendations and useful resources. It was agreed at the previous meeting of this Committee to examine sections D - F at this meeting using the recommendations in the Code to measure our own effectiveness in governance.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 to this report looks at
 - D – Essential functions of the Board
 - E – Responsibilities of the Chair
 - F – Conduct of the Board's business
- 3.3 The Committee is asked to discuss the issues raised in this report.
- 3.4 The Committee is also asked to agree discussing Sections G, H and I at the next meeting, which covers The Chief Executive, Committees of the Board and Openness and transparency.
- 3.5 In order to provide an opportunity for the Chair of each Committee to attend the meeting and allow time for discussion, it is suggested that Committees of the Board is split over two meetings as follows:

Performance Management Committee	25 September
Chair: Tabani Ndlovu	
Governance Services Committee	25 September
Chair: Bob Osler/Paul Bayliss	
Audit Committee	25 September
Chair: John Bloxsom	
Local Housing Boards	30 October
Chairs: Bob Osler/Paul Bayliss	
Resources & Remuneration Committee	30 October
Chair: Iain MacDonald	
Development & Regeneration Committee	30 October
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Tabani Ndlovu has confirmed he can attend on the 25 September. At the time of writing, Iain MacDonald and John Bloxsom have not confirmed their attendance at these meetings.

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

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or the Chief Executive, phil.davies@derbyhomes.org - Tel 01332 711010

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