

BOARD EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW 2020

Report of the Finance Director & Company Secretary

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 As part of our commitment to the National Housing Federation's (NHF) Code of Conduct 2015 as adopted by the Board in 2015, the Board considers its own effectiveness each year and addresses any issues that it feels require action.

At the meeting on 26 September, the Board requested the Governance Committee to consider the attached report and the draft Code (Appendix 1) and make recommendations to the Board at its next meeting in November.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 To consider the report at Appendix 1 and make recommendations to the Board on its position with respect to the draft NHF Code for 2020 and any other issues relating to its effectiveness that it might wish to consider.

3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 As requested by the Board.

4. MATTER(S) FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 At the last (ordinary) Board meeting the Board deferred consideration of a report on the draft NHF Code of Governance for 2020 and any other issues relating to its effectiveness and requested the Governance Committee to consider this matter and make recommendations back to the Board.

- 4.2 The Board report and the draft Code is attached at Appendix 1.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

IMPLICATIONS

6. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 While not a formal regulatory requirement, compliance with the NHF Code of Governance is seen by the Regulator of Social Housing as a positive indicator of good governance arrangements.

7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1
- Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed? No
 - If no Equality Impact Assessment has been completed, please provide a summary of the equalities' implications: Good governance is essential to any organisation and should ensure that equality matters are considered in making significant decisions.

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Good governance is an element of one of our Strategic Risks and is essential in managing risk properly.

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

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

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Background information: None

List of appendices Appendix 1 DH Board Report 24/9/2020