Chair of Derby Homes

Self-Nomination by Cllr Paul Bayliss for the position of Chair

I wish to put my self forward as a candidate for the position of Chair of Derby Homes. I wish to do this because I am uniquely qualified to undertake the role in respect of my experience and qualifications.

I have experience in the following areas:

- 1. Experienced meeting Chair, having been Chair of the Council's Scrutiny Management Commission and before that the Best Value Committee.
- 2. Ability to co-ordinate and implement meeting agendas.
- 3. Able to run meetings in an inclusive way.
- 4. From election in 1996 member of the Housing Committee until its abolition.
- 5. Regular attender at Community Panel meetings in Alvaston ward and contributor to the business of the Panel.
- 6. Used to dealing with the press and public I have professional experience in this area and have attended Council organised training courses.
- 7. Experienced in operating with local government officers in a public service environment as well as those in an arms length organisation.
- 8. Professionally I am a senior manager in Derby's largest advertising agency, this means I am well versed in the world of commerce and marketing communications.
- 9. Currently, Council Cabinet member for Youth & Community.
- 10. Trustee of the Liversage Trust.
- 11. Member of the Police Authority from 2002.
- 12. Member of the City Council from 1996.

Tenant Board Member Profile For Vice-Chair, 'Derby Homes'

Bernard George Harry

I have a wide variety of skills, knowledge and experience which I will be pleased to bring to the service of the Board in the position of Vice-Chair.

Although I am now retired, which in itself is an advantage as it allows me to give the required time and commitment to the position, I have, over a long period, had a professional career in production control which has resulted in my being comfortable under pressure and with having managerial responsibilities.

I have also had a long time experience in committee work as a Trade Union member and officer of my local branch.

Since 1994 I have been fully committed to the tenants' movement in Derby and have served in every position in the movement at all levels, culminating in my being elected to the Shadow Board of 'Derby Homes'. I have studied for the professionally accepted National Certificate in Tenant Participation.

I firmly believe that the new company, with the right leadership, will build on the excellent foundations laid down by Derby City Council Housing Management Services in the past and will continue to progress in the future. I would appreciate the chance to take an active part in that progress.

Why I want to be Chair of Derby Homes

I agree with Phil Davies that Derby got its three star rating by actively consulting and participating with its tenants. I would like to lead Derby Homes into a new and exciting future; I believe there will be great opportunities for the first eight ALMO's that have been created. It will be up to the Board of Derby Homes to work together to make it the most active and well thought of Arms Length Management Organisation in the Country.

If I am elected Chair I will want to put Tenants at the forefront of all the Boards policies, for if we make our estates places that people want to live and work we will have won most of the battle.

I have been Chair of the DACP on numerous occasions starting in 1995 when I was also the Treasurer. 1996 I was elected Chair and treasurer. 1997 I was elected Chair, 1998 elected Treasurer, 1999 elected Treasurer, 2000 elected Chair, 2001 elected Treasurer. I have also chaired the City Housing Consultation group on many occasions, regular Chair of the City Housing Consultation Sub Group.

First Tenant elected to be on the Housing Committee

I have been an executive member of the Tenant Participation Advisory Service for a number of years, regional chair for the last four years.

Been Chair of several other organisations such as;

DART: Derbyshire Association of Residents and Tenants. TRFM: Tenants and Residents Federations of the Midlands.

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Dear John Bloxsom

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS

I am writing to confirm my intention to stand for the position of Chair or Vice Chair, subject to a positive result at the board meeting to be held on 27 June 2002.

In the event of a tie / contest, I have supplied the following statement:

I possess the necessary drive and enthusiasm to help improve the organisation further by providing the decision making process a greater degree of independence and transparency. I am sure this will strengthen the lines of communication and lead to a more effective team-working environment. The board shall then be in a better position to make more informed, and most importantly, more sustainable decisions that will greatly improve the lives of tenants in Derby over the years to come.

Please contact me if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely

Afzal Shabir

Independent Board Member