

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT SELECTED SECTOR CONFERENCES

Report of the Director & Company Secretary

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report responds to Action 1.3 of the Board Improvement Action Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATION

To note the contents of the report and make any recommendations to improve current practice.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Over the past 6 six years, Board Members have been invited to attend the Annual Chartered Institute of Housing Conference in Harrogate.
- 3.2 The Chair of the Board attends for the full week and other Board Members are invited to attend on individual days or part of the week. For example, this year, Dennis Rees attended the full week (Tuesday – Friday). Bob Osler, Paul Bayliss also attended on one or two days.
- 3.3 In previous years, Margaret Redfern, Martin Latham, Tabani Ndlovu have also attended.
- 3.4 More recently Board Members have been invited to the NFA's annual conference. Dennis Rees attends the conference in his role as Chair of the NFA. Last year, no other Board Members attended but this year Bob Osler and Margaret Redfern attended for two days.
- 3.5 Derby Homes receives invitations to various seminars and conferences for the social housing sector and Board Members are invited to any that are appropriate. However, take up is infrequent.
- 3.6 This year, Board Members have received a personal training and development plan. We have used the plans to target specific conferences and seminars at individual Board Members, although in the majority of cases, inhouse training courses have met these requirements.
- 3.7 We will continue to identify and encourage Board Members to attend appropriate housing sector and governance related seminars and conferences.

4. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The Board Members training budget for this year is £11,000. To date £4,700 has been spent or committed.

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

- Consultation
- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health & Safety

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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