

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Report of the Chair of Audit Committee

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report seeks Board approval to:

1. appoint a Board member to Audit Committee
2. approve the revised terms of reference of the Audit Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Board approves

1. the recommendation of the Audit Committee to appoint Paul Bayliss to Audit Committee with immediate effect
2. the revised terms of reference attached at Appendix 1.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

Appointment of Audit Committee Member

- 3.1 Fareed Hussain recently stepped down from the Board leaving a vacancy on Audit Committee. It is customary in these circumstances for the replacement Board Member to take on the roles vacated by the departing Board member.
- 3.2 I have discussed this with the new Board member, Paul Bayliss, and he is willing to sit on Audit Committee.
- 3.3 Audit Committee were consulted on this proposal at their meeting on 9 July 2007 and recommends this proposal to the Board.

Audit Committee Terms of Reference

- 3.4 The Governance Services Committee as part of its remit, has been examining the Governance of Derby Homes including reviewing terms of reference of the Committees of the Board. It recommended that the Audit Committee terms of reference are reviewed.
- 3.5 To demonstrate independence from the Board and all Committees, a review of the Audit Committee's terms of reference is a matter for the Audit Committee. The Chair of Audit Committee was given the option to either attend the Governance Services Committee to carry out the review, or the

review be carried out by the Audit Committee. The Chair chose the latter option.

- 3.6 The Audit Committee carried out the review at its meeting on 23 April 2007 and a revised version is attached at Appendix 1 for approval.

4. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING EFFICIENCY SAVINGS

Audit Committee plays an important part in enabling Derby Homes to achieve financial and business plan implications.

5. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES

The appointment of Audit Committee members is a matter reserved to the Board.

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

- Consultation
- 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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