

REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Report of the Finance Director & Company Secretary

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers amendments to the Governance Arrangements as part of the three yearly cycle of reviews:

Part IV Standing Orders for the Conduct of Board & General Meetings
Part V Operational Board Constitution
Part IX Appointment & Recruitment of Board Members.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 To comment and make recommendations to the Board of Derby Homes to approve:

Part IV Standing Orders for the Conduct of Board & General Meetings
Part V Operational Board Constitution
Part IX Appointment & Recruitment of Board Members.

3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure the Governance Arrangements are reviewed on a formal and regular basis in line with the Board's agreed review schedule and internal audit recommendations.

4. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 At the meeting in May 2017, following internal audit and Governance Committee recommendations, the Board agreed to commence a review of the Governance arrangements of Derby Homes. The agreed review schedule included four items to be reported during this year:

- Part IV Standing Orders for Conduct of Derby Homes Board and General Meetings
- Part V Operational Board Constitution
- Part IX Appointment & Recruitment of Board Members
- Part X Code of Conduct for Board Members.

- 4.2 The proposals for Parts V, IV and IX are each attached as tracked changes from the existing rules as Appendices 1 to 3.

- 4.3 There have been no significant changes to these arrangements. In general the changes proposed bring the documents up to date with current practices and changes previously agreed by the Board.
- 4.4 A review of Part X will be brought to the Governance Committee and Board meetings in November.

5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 To continue with the existing rules.

IMPLICATIONS

6. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Operational Board was consulted and asked to contribute to the review of the Operational Board Constitution at their meeting on 25 February. Their recommendations have been incorporated into the document.

7. COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Changes to the Governance Arrangements do not require the approval of the Council.

8. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Derby Homes Governance Arrangements incorporate equal opportunity provisions within the Memorandum of Association – Section 7 Equal Opportunities:
The Organisation shall at all times take into consideration the principles of equality of opportunity irrespective of age, gender, race, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

19. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Risk Implications are identified in Strategic Risk 2 Risk of ineffective governance arrangements and financial management to Derby Homes reputation, financial standing and regulatory standing.

10. POLICY REVIEW IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 This is a key policy of Derby Homes and is included in the Key Policy Review Schedule. In accordance with Derby Homes Board Minute 10/51 this policy will be reviewed no later than 3 years from the date of this meeting.

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

Consultation
Personnel
Environmental
Health & Safety

