

LOCAL HOUSING BOARD AWAY DAY UPDATE AND REVIEW

Report of the Director & Company Secretary

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report updates the Local Housing Board on recent discussions and proposals to review membership of the Local Housing Boards.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Housing Board notes the content of this report.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The Local Housing Boards were due to receive a report on actions arising from their away day earlier this year. However, following discussions between the Chair and Vice Chairs of Derby Homes and the Executive Team, it has been agreed to review how representatives are nominated onto the Local Housing Boards. It is appropriate, therefore, to defer any proposals arising from the away day and consider them within the review.
- 3.2 This issue was last discussed in February 2008 when the Local Housing Boards recommended to the main Board the nomination of tenant representatives and deputies from the Housing Focus Groups. The five Housing Focus Groups are entitled to 15 tenant representatives, six at the Local Housing Board North and nine at the Local Housing Board South. They are also entitled to one nominated deputy tenant representative, each to attend meetings with full membership rights only in the absence of the nominated representative.
- 3.3 The Derby Association of Leaseholders is entitled to nominate a representative with full membership rights to each Local Housing Board and one nominated deputy leaseholder representative each to attend meetings with full membership rights only in the absence of the nominated leaseholder representative.
- 3.4 For some time, some Housing Focus Groups and former Panels have had difficulties in encouraging members to become representatives or deputies. It is also the case of the Derby Association of Leaseholders. It is therefore proposed to review all representation on the Local Housing Boards.
- 3.5 In addition, it is a timely opportunity to carry out a review, in the light of TSA proposals for the regulation of housing organisations. Recommendations and good practice emerging from the work of the TSA will be incorporated within the review to ensure our practices are aligned with expected good practice in the sector.

- 3.6 It is anticipated that proposals will be taken to the main Board in September and a further report will be brought to the Local Housing Boards in December.

4. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

Local Housing Boards and Housing Focus Groups will be consulted on the review of how representatives are nominated onto the Local Housing Boards.

6. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

These matters will require amendment to the Local Housing Board Constitution which is a matter reserved to Derby Homes Board as outlined in Part VI Section 2.1(a) and (e) of Derby Homes Governance Arrangements,

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

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

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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