

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL HOUSING BOARD MEMBERS

Report of the Director and Company Secretary

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Local Housing Board members of a decision of the Derby Homes Board for the appointment of tenant and leaseholder representatives to the Local Housing Boards, replacing the current, temporary arrangement of nominations from the Housing Focus Groups.

2. RECOMMENDATION

To endorse the decisions made by the Derby Homes Board on 24 September 2009

1. to elect tenant and leaseholder Local Housing Board Members as outlined in Appendix A - paragraphs 3.4 – 3.8
2. to delete the position of Local Housing Board Deputies
3. only one family member can be on a Local Housing Board
4. to waive paragraph 2.1 of the Local Housing Board Constitution, within Derby Homes Governance Arrangements, and extend existing Local Housing Board Members' tenure of office until an election is carried out in the relevant area and appointment is made at the AGM, as set out in Appendix A1.
5. the term of office for elected Local Housing Board Members is to be 3 years, as for tenant and leaseholder Board Members.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 At its meeting on 24 September 2009, the Derby Homes Board approved a proposal to address the anomaly that exists in the Governance Arrangements for the appointment of tenant and leaseholder representatives to the Local Housing Boards.
- 3.2 A copy of the report considered by the Board is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.3 The new process closely mirrors the process adopted by the Board for the election of tenant and leaseholder Board Members. The key issues that Local Housing Board Members need to be aware of are

- the current system of nomination from the Housing and Leaseholder Focus Groups will be replaced by direct elections open to all tenants or leaseholders living in the election areas
- Local Housing Board deputy positions will be phased out in line with the cycle for elections
- only one family member can be on a Local Housing Board
- the term of office will be increased from 1 year to 3 years
- existing Local Housing Board Members' terms of office will be extended until an election is carried out

3.4 Appendix A2 – Draft Local Housing Board Member Information Pack has not been circulated with this report but copies will be available at the meeting.

5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The annual costs of an election for Local Housing Board members will be contained within the budget for Tenant Board Member Elections.

6. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

Adopting and changing the Governance Arrangements is a matter reserved to Derby Homes Board.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The revised process will provide greater opportunity for tenants and leaseholders across the City to be a part of the decision making process and have a say in how we improve services.

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

- Consultation
- Personnel
- Environmental
- 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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