

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF TENANT BOARD MEMBERS

Report of the Director of Derby Homes

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. This report sets out proposed arrangements for the conduct of elections for tenant board members to be held prior to the first Annual General Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Board
 - 2.1 approves the arrangements and dates attached at Appendix A.
 - 2.2 notes the eligibility criteria for candidates, and eligibility to vote, which appear at Appendix B and within the Memorandum and Articles.
 - 2.3 approve the eligibility criteria for proposers and seconders which appear at Appendix B.
 - 2.4 commission Electoral Reform Ballot Services to conduct postal ballots in all areas where an election is to be held.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The Memorandum and Articles stipulate
 - that four tenant board members shall represent areas of the city and shall be elected by tenants of each area prior to the first AGM
 - that one further tenant board member shall be nominated by DACP prior to the first AGM.
 - eligibility to stand as a candidate and vote in these elections.
 - that the rules and arrangements for the conduct of the election shall be agreed by the Board.
- 3.2 The actions and timetable proposed at Appendix A will enable these elections to occur by the date of the first AGM.
- 3.3 The rules concerning eligibility to stand as a candidate, and to vote in the

election, need only be noted since these are stipulated in the Memorandum and Articles.

- 3.4 The rules concerning eligibility to act as a proposer and seconder require approval of the Board.
- 3.5 It is proposed that the ballot be conducted by an independent organisation, Electoral Reform Ballot Services, which conducted the earlier consultative ballot. It is proposed to contract with ERBS on grounds that it is the specialist contractor most suitably qualified to carry out this work, in a market where there are few other contractors.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

- 4 These proposals are the subject of consultation with DACP. Any changes proposed arising from these discussions will be reported to the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The training to be provided by PEP will be undertaken as part of its contract to act as the Independent Tenant Adviser.
- 5.2 The cost of running a postal ballot conducted by ERBS are estimated at £8,750 based on an election being held in each area and there being a 40% turnout.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6. The proposals will ensure that the terms of the Memorandum and Articles are fulfilled.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7. None directly arising from this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8. None directly arising from this report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9. None directly arising from this report.

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