

Full Council

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Appointment of Tenant Representatives to serve on the Housing Review Board

Report summary:

This report sets out details of the recruitment process for the appointment of two tenant representatives to serve on the Housing Review Board. The appointments aim to ensure that the voices of tenants are heard and considered in the board's decision-making processes.

Recommendation:

That the Council appoints Rachel Browne and Rosie Dale to serve as co-opted Tenant Representatives on the Housing Review Board.

Reason for recommendation:

To meet the requirements of the Council's Constitution for the appointment of representatives on the Housing Review Board.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Consultation carried out:

Recruitment process

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Financial implications:

An allowance is payable to each tenant representative and can be met from within existing budgets.

Legal implications:

The legal issues are dealt with in the body of the report. The proposals set out in this report comply with the Council's Constitution (Legal/2482/ALW)

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk; .

Links to background information None.

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- A supported and engaged community
- Carbon neutrality and ecological recovery
- Resilient economy that supports local business
- Financially secure and improving quality of services

1. Background

- 1.1 The Housing Review Board is one of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and will consider matters relating to the Council's landlord and housing management functions. The Board will advise the Council's Cabinet on housing policy and operational practice, where this affects the Council's tenants and leaseholders. The Board will keep under review the housing stock options appraisal and monitor the conditions which will influence the future arrangements for the ownership and management of the Council's housing stock.
- 1.2 The tenant representatives on the board play a crucial role in maintaining a balanced perspective and ensuring that the needs and concerns of tenants are adequately represented.
- 1.3 All tenant appointments are subject to Council approval and non-councillor Board members will serve for a maximum of eight years, subject to annual reappointment by the Council, with the objective that every four years one quarter of the non-councillor members will stand down.
- 1.4 A recruitment process for the selection of tenant representatives was conducted, including tenant events and the tenant newsletter to encourage applications from interested individuals.
- 1.5 Applications were reviewed by the Chair of the Housing Review Board and officers and a shortlist of candidates was created.
- 1.6 Following interviews of the shortlisted candidates by the Chair of the Board, Assistant Director for Housing (Regulated Services), Communities Team Manager and Democratic Services Officer two candidates were selected for their suitability to serve on the Housing Review Board.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 The interview panel is recommending that Rachel Browne and Rosie Dale are appointed as co-opted tenant representatives to serve on the Housing Review Board.