

Agenda Item

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Housing Project Board (Housing Overview Committee)

Summary

The recommendations that recently came forward from the Project Team working on the housing stock options appraisal proposed the establishment of a Housing Project Board (Housing Overview Committee). The main purpose of the Committee will be to keep under review the recommendation for the Council to retain its housing stock. The new body will comprise tenants, Members of the Council, and community representatives working together to oversee the Council's landlord functions. It will also have a role in monitoring performance, promoting good practice and overseeing service improvements, and promoting tenant involvement.

Recommendation

The Executive Board recommends to Council:

1. The establishment of a Housing Overview Committee with the purpose and the terms of reference set out at Annex 1.
2. A scheme for the co-option of non-Council members as set out in this report, the detail to be delegated to the Head of Legal and Member Services

a) Reasons for Recommendation

To act upon a recommendation from the Project Team who undertook the housing stock options appraisal.

b) Alternative Options

Not to establish a Housing Project Board.
Set up an informal group of tenants and Members.
Continue the work of the Project Team on the housing stock options appraisal.

c) Risk Considerations

Housing stock options appraisal not 'signed off' by Government Office.
Disappoint Project Team by not implementing its recommendation.

d) Policy and Budgetary Considerations

These are as set out in the report.

e) Date for Review of Decision

Review the operation of the Board/Committee after its first year of operation.

1 Main Body of the Report

- 1.1 One of the recommendations flowing from the housing stock options appraisal is the establishment of a Housing Project Board or Housing Overview Committee. This would