



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Report to Central Community Assembly

Report of: Community Assembly Manager

Date: 21st June 2012

Subject: Central Community Assembly Representation on
Sheffield Homes Boards: Central and North West

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Summary:

The Leader's scheme of delegation for the discharging executive functions authorises Community Assemblies to "nominate Council representation for the appropriate Sheffield Homes Area Board in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet member". The appropriate Cabinet member is currently the holder of the Homes and Neighbourhoods portfolio.

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Reasons for Recommendations: The Central Community Assembly has been requested to nominate two Sheffield City Council appointees, one to the Central Area Board and one to the North West Board.

Recommendations:

The Central Community Assembly is recommended to:-

(1) have regard to the positive views expressed by the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods about the proposal to nominate Cllr Mohammad Maroof to the Sheffield Homes Central Area Board, and Cllr Bob Johnson to the Sheffield Homes North West Area Board, and having regard to these views to nominate two members of the Assembly to these positions;

(2) request the Director of Modern Governance to refer these nominations to full Council for approval at the earliest approval; and

(3) subject to Council approval, request the Assembly Manager to complete the necessary paperwork to effect these appointments, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN
Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

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| Financial Implications |
| NO Cleared by: |
| Legal Implications |
| YES Cleared by: Andrew Bullock |
| Equality of Opportunity Implications |
| NO Cleared by: |
| Tackling Health Inequalities Implications |
| NO |
| Human rights Implications |
| NO |
| Environmental and Sustainability implications |
| NO |
| Economic impact |
| NO |
| Community safety implications |
| NO |
| Human resources implications |
| NO |
| Property implications |
| NO |
| Area(s) affected |
| Central Community Assembly area of Sheffield |
| Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in |
| Safer and Stronger Communities |
| Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council? |
| NO |
| Press release |
| NO |

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2. What does this mean for people within the Central Community Assembly Area?

Part of the governance structure of Sheffield Homes includes Area Boards, the purpose of which is to:

"provide a focus on services and customers in a local area, to ensure that Sheffield Homes services are responsive to the varying needs of different communities in Sheffield".

3. Outcomes and Sustainability

This proposal fits in with the values and outcomes of the Corporate Plan 2011-14 'Standing up for Sheffield'.

Values

- Spend public money wisely
- Enable individuals and communities
- Working better together

Outcomes

- A Great Place to Live
- Safe and Secure Communities

4. Full Proposal

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Sheffield Homes are a key partner in each of the Assembly Areas. They have named senior officer representation on each of the Partner Panels and have worked closely with the Assembly Teams on a number of projects and initiatives.

The Area Boards meet on a bi-monthly basis and the agendas focus on service delivery by the Company at an area level. They provide a key link in

the Company's governance structure between the Board of Directors, Tenants' and Residents' Associations (TARAs), Local Housing Partnership groups and tenants.

The composition of Area Boards is as follows: -

- 5 tenants.
- 4 independents.
- 2 Sheffield City Council appointees.
- A maximum of one leaseholder may take one of the tenant places on each Area Board.

The expectation is that the Assembly's nominees would provide the formal link between the work of the Assembly and Sheffield Homes, further strengthening the partnership relationships and reassuring tenants and residents that there is an additional opportunity for influencing the work priorities of the Assembly and also ensuring that opportunities for joint work are not missed.

The practice of Assemblies making nominations to the Sheffield Homes Area Boards, promotes closer working relationships between tenants and the members of the Assembly. This increases the influence of and helps to inform the decision making of the Assemblies.

The boundaries of the Central Assembly are different from those of the Housing areas. Significant parts of both the Central and North West Housing Areas fall within the Assembly boundary. Therefore, one representative for each of these Housing Boards is being requested from the Central Community Assembly.

Members of the Central Community Assembly have been consulted and have provisionally proposed Cllr Mohammad Maroof as the nominee to the Central Board, and Cllr Bob Johnson as the nominee to the North West Board. The Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods is content with these nominations.

Although the function of nominating Council representatives to the Area Boards has been allocated to the Community Assemblies, under the Council's arrangements for discharging 'local choice functions', the actual appointment of the nominees is a non-executive function reserved to Full Council. The Assembly's nominations will therefore need to be referred to Council for endorsement.

5. Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications arising from this proposal.

6. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications arising from this proposal, other than that the appointees will need to be mindful of their legal role and responsibilities when serving on the local Board.

7. Equality of Opportunity Implications

There are no specific equality of opportunity implications arising from this proposal

8. Human Resource Implications

There are no specific human resource implications arising from this proposal.

9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

There are no specific environmental and sustainability implications arising from this proposal.

10. Mitigation of risk

The expectation is that the nominees will provide the formal link between the work of the Assembly and Sheffield Homes. There is a need to ensure that there is a framework to allow the nominees to formally feedback to the Assembly at regular intervals.

If a nominee is no longer able to fulfil this role (temporarily or permanently) then the Assembly will have to provide a substitute as and when that situation arises.

11. Alternative Options

The Central Community Assembly could consider alternative nominees to the Councillors proposed.

12. Reasons for Recommendations

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