



Report to the Board

21 November 2013

Title: Review of Committee Membership

Report of: Managing Director

Purpose of Report

1. To note the membership of committees for the next year and the appointment of the chairs to each of the committees.

Background

2. The Board, at its meeting held on 15 November 2012, agreed to establish the following committees: -
 - Assets, Development and Investment Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - Customers and Communities Committee
 - Resources Committee
3. The Board also agreed that each committee has seven members with three members needing to be present to be quorate. This meant that all Board Members needed to serve on two committees, although if a member wanted to serve on more committees this would not be expressly forbidden.
4. Board Members put forward their preferred committees and whether they wished to be considered as chair of the committee. The membership and chairs of each committee were agreed ahead of the first meetings which took place during February/March 2012.
5. At that time, the Board still had vacancies for two Independent and two Tenant Board Members and it was agreed therefore that a further review of the committee membership should take place once there was a full composition of Board Members.
6. Eileen Gill and Mick Davison were appointed onto the Board as Independent Directors on 12 March 2013.
7. Helen Hall and Sheila Bouitieh were appointed by the Board as Tenant Directors on 11 July 2013 and these appointments were subsequently confirmed by the Council Representative at the Annual General Meeting on 19 September 2013.

Review of Committee Membership

8. Board Members have recently been asked to put forward their preferred committees for 2014 and to indicate whether they wished to be considered as a chair of any of the committees.
9. Due to their being less interest in serving on Audit Committee, some Board Members have agreed to sit on three committees.
10. It is also proposed that the membership of the other three committees be increased from seven to eight. Three members would still need to be present to be quorate.
11. Three Board Members put themselves forward as chairs of committees unchallenged. It was necessary to carry out a ballot for one of the committees and the Board Members involved have been notified of the result.
12. Deputy chairs will be appointed at the next meeting of each of the committees.
13. The membership and chairs of committees is attached at the Appendix to this report.

Links to Values

14. This report is consistent with the company value of being honest, accountable and transparent.

Equality and Diversity Implications

15. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Financial Implication

16. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

Impact on Customers

17. There was no impact on customers as a result of compiling this report.

Risk Management Implications

18. A Board without the right mix of skills has been identified as an operational risk. Reviewing the membership of the committees will assist with having the right mix of skills on every committee.

Value for Money Implications

19. There are no value for money implications as a result of compiling this report.

Health Implications

20. There are no health implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

21. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

Consultation carried out

22. Board Members have been consulted on their preferred committees and whether they wished to be considered as chair of any of the committees.

Recommendation

23. It is recommended that the committee membership and chairs appointed to the committees for the next year be noted.



The Gateshead Housing Company

Working with Gateshead Council

Assets, Development and Investment Committee

Paul Foy (Chair)
Gordon Spring
Helen Hall
Peter Mole
Pauline Dillon
Joanne Carr
Mick Davison
Eileen Gill

Resources Committee

John Hamilton (Chair)
Robert Buckley
Joachim Moussouanda Mouanda
Sheila Boutieh
Kathryn Ferdinand
Paul Foy
George Clark
Mick Davison

Customers and Communities Committee

Robert Buckley (Chair)
Gordon Spring
Sheila Boutieh
John Hamilton
Kathryn Ferdinand
Pauline Dillon
Joanne Carr
Eileen Gill

Audit Committee

George Clark (Chair)
Robert Buckley
Joachim Moussouanda Mouanda
Helen Hall
Peter Mole
Mick Davison
Eileen Gill