

Item

TENANT REPRESENTATIVE VACANCY



To:

Councillor Kevin Price, Executive Councillor for Housing

Housing Scrutiny Committee 19/06/2018

Report by:

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Wards affected:

Abbey, Arbury, Castle, Cherry Hinton, Coleridge, East Chesterton, King's Hedges, Market, Newnham, Petersfield, Queen Edith's, Romsey, Trumpington, West Chesterton

Not a Key Decision

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 On 25th May 2018 we received a resignation from John Marais for his position as Tenant Representative on the Housing Scrutiny Committee; this will take effect from 25th June 2018.
- 1.2 Membership requires 5 Tenants and 1 Leaseholder Representative to sit on the committee. The next Tenant Representative election is due to take place in 2020 so the Constitution states that the Scrutiny Committee may co-opt an eligible person to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election date.
- 1.3 This report sets out the requirement of the Committee to co-opt a person in to the vacant position. It also provides details of potential options available to identify an eligible person.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Delegate authority to the Strategic Director in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Housing, Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson, to consider the options for representative replacement outside of the committee meeting and report back to the Committee ahead of the autumn cycle.

3. Background

- 3.1. A resignation has been received from a Tenant Representative on the Housing Scrutiny Committee
- 3.2 Under the agreed arrangements, membership of the Housing Scrutiny Committee requires 5 Tenants and 1 Leaseholder Representative. The next tenant representative election is scheduled to take place in 2020. Section 6.1, Part 4E Appendix 1 of the Constitution states- *If a Tenant or Leaseholder representative dies in office or resigns, the Scrutiny Committee may co-opt an eligible person to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election date.*
- 3.3 When co-opting a new Member, there are no set qualifying requirements for the candidate, so the committee has freedom to choose a person whose attributes or experience qualifies them in the committee's opinion as 'eligible'. Any member can suggest a candidate and give reason for their suitability. The Resident Involvement team holds details of residents who take part in a variety of engagement activities across the city; these could be used to help identify eligible candidates.
- 3.4 A second option would be to contact candidates who have previously stood in Tenant and Leaseholder Representative elections. In 2013 a Tenant Representative resignation led to a committee decision to invite the candidate who came second in the most recent election to join them on the committee. In the 2016 election there was one other candidate who stood who could be contacted if required.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

None.

(b) Staffing Implications

None.

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

Not Applicable.

(d) Environmental Implications

Not Applicable.

(e) Procurement Implications

None.

(f) Community Safety Implications

None.

5. Consultation and communication considerations

None.

6. Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

7. Appendices

Not Applicable

8. Inspection of papers

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