



City of Westminster

Shareholder Committee

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| Meeting or Decision Maker: | Shareholder Committee |
| Date: | 6 December 2021 |
| Classification: | General Release |
| Title: | Appointment of Director |
| Wards Affected: | All |
| Company Affected: | Westminster Community Homes - IP030604 |
| City for All/Policy Context: | Good governance of council-owned companies |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Report of: | Debbie Jackson, Executive Director of Growth, Planning and Housing |

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Following the resignation of a previous board member due to a conflict of interest arising from a new role, there is a vacancy on the Board of the company which requires filling.
- 1.2 The Shareholder Committee holds delegated authority to act on behalf of the Council for a number of key decisions, including the nominations of Directors to be appointed to the Board of a subsidiary.
- 1.3 The nominee will be appointed to the Board but only until such time as the 2022 local elections take place, after which the role will be reconsidered.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
 - Cllr Susie Burbridge, Deputy Cabinet Member for Housing at Westminster City Council is appointed as a Board Member of Westminster Community Homes until the 2022 local elections take place and subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.
 - The secretary of the Company is instructed to make the necessary entries in the statutory books of the Company and to make the necessary filings at Companies House.

3. Reasons for Decision

- 3.1 The nominee's role as Deputy Cabinet Member and long-standing involvement in housing issues in the City of Westminster will enhance the running of the company.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 None – Directors are not remunerated or compensated for undertaking these roles.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The authority for the Shareholder Committee to make appointments to the boards of the council's wholly owned companies was delegated by decision of Cabinet on 12 July 2021. Training will be provided to ensure conflicts of interest are understood and managed appropriately as well as the individual appointed is able to act in line with the responsibilities conferred on them under the Companies Act 2006.

6. Carbon Impact

- 6.1 There are no direct carbon implications from the appointment of an existing Westminster City Councillor to the Board of Westminster Community Homes.