



City of Westminster

Shareholder Committee Report

Meeting or Decision Maker:

Shareholder Committee

Date:

22nd July 2024

Classification:

General Release

Title:

Appointment of Cllr Iman Less to the
Westminster Community Homes Board

Wards Affected:

All

Policy Context:

Good governance of council-owned
companies

Key Decision:

Non-key

Report of:

Richard Cressey, Head of Governance
and Councillor Liaison

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. 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.
- 1.2. The new appointee will become a board member of Westminster Community Homes and a Director of the company.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that:
 - Cllr Iman Less is appointed to the Board of Westminster Community Homes, 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. Following the resignation of a previous board member, to maintain quoracy and enable decisions to be made, a new board appointment is required.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report. The role of Director is not subject to any remuneration.

5. Legal and Governance 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. Climate Implications

- 6.1. There are no direct climate implications associated with appointing an existing councillor to the Board of Westminster Community Homes.

7. Equalities implications

- 7.1. There no direct equalities implications associated with appointing an existing councillor to the Board of Westminster Community Homes. The make-up of the board will continue to be monitored by the company to ensure diversity of representation. Further detail on the current make-up of the Board was covered in the report to the Board appointing five new Board Members on 27 November 2023.