

**Representing the Council in the Community on other organisations:**

**Worthing Homes Ltd - Board of Directors**

**Report by the Director for Communities**

**1.0 Summary**

1.1 The Leader is invited to consider and appoint a Councillor to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Vic Walker as a Director on the Board of Worthing Homes.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 Councillor Walker was appointed to the three year term of office in May 2015 therefore the new Director will be appointed to the remainder of this term, to May 2017.

2.2 There are two positions for Worthing Borough Council on the Board, the other position is taken by Councillor Edward Crouch; he was appointed in June for his 3 year term.

2.3 Worthing Homes has requested that the appointed Councillor has a detailed background in all aspects of housing matters.

2.4 The appointed councillor should understand the work load necessary as a Director on the Board.

**3.0 Proposal**

3.1 The Leader is invited to consider appointing a replacement for Councillor Walker.

3.2 Informal discussions have taken place between the Chief Executive of Worthing Homes and Councillor Louise Murphy on the expectations and workload of a Director for Worthing Homes.

**4.0 Legal**

4.1 Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 allows certain functions and responsibilities to be determined locally 'local choice functions'.

4.2 The Council has determined in the Constitution (Part 3 Section 3) that the 'appointments to outside bodies in connection with the functions which are the responsibility of the Executive' is an Executive function with the decision maker being the Leader.

## **5.0 Financial implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications to the Council with this appointment.

## **6.0 Recommendation**

6.1 The Leader is invited to consider the appointment of a replacement for Councillor Walker to the Annual Meeting in 2017.

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Background Papers:**

Letter received from Cllr Walker 26 October 2015

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## **Schedule of other matters**

### **1.0 Council Priority**

1.1 These appointments support the Council's service delivery of housing for Worthing residents.

### **2.0 Specific Action Plans**

2.1 Appointments to the Board are required by Worthing Homes memorandum and Articles.

### **3.0 Sustainability Issues**

3.1 Matter considered

### **4.0 Equality Issues**

4.1 Matter considered

### **5.0 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

5.1 Matter considered

### **6.0 Human Rights Issues**

6.1 Matter considered

### **7.0 Reputation**

7.1 To be considered together with paragraph 9.1 below

### **8.0 Consultations**

8.1 The Leader will make any necessary consultations in making his determination

8.2 The report will be published to all Members who have the opportunity to make their representations or nominations to the Leader

### **9.0 Risk Assessment**

9.1 Worthing Homes Memorandum and Articles require that a council representative be present for their Board meetings.

### **10.0 Health & Safety Issues**

10.1 Matter considered

### **11.0 Procurement Strategy**

11.1 Matter considered

**12.0 Partnership Working**

12.1 Matter considered

<b>OUTSIDE BODY # 34</b>	
NAME OF THE ORGANISATION:	Worthing Homes Ltd – Board of Directors
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CONTACT DETAILS:	Telephone: 01903 703169 Email: jbligh@worthing-homes.org.uk
DETAILS OF MEETINGS:	Frequency: 6 per year Venue:  Time/Duration: Heavy Work load and commitment required.
TERMS OF REFERENCE / FUNCTION OF ORGANISATION:	Housing Association owning and managing 3500 homes in Sussex
NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES:	Councillors: 2 Officers: -
IS APPOINTMENT A CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT	Yes
ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTED	No
SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED	No
ROLE OF REPRESENTATIVE (VOTING / OBSERVER / ACTIVE PARTICIPANT AT MEETING)	Board Member and Company Director Not for profit company limited by share. Registered charity and registered with the Homes and Communities Agency. The representative does not have to be an elected representative
PRESENT REPRESENTATIVES:	Vacancy ** Councillor Edward Crouch (replaced Cllr Heather Mercer in June 2015) **3 year appointments commenced 2014 New appointments required in 2017
TERM:	3 years
APPOINTMENT PRIORITY:	2