



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Leader
17 October 2017

Decision to be taken on or after
25 October 2017

Key Decision: No

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Representing the Council in the Community with other organisations:

Worthing Homes Ltd - Board of Directors

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- The Leader is being invited to consider and appoint a Councillor to the vacancy caused by Councillor Edward Crouch stepping down as a Director on the Board of Worthing Homes.
- That Councillor Steve Wills be appointed as a Director on the Board of Worthing Homes.

2. Recommendation

- The Leader is invited to agree the appointment of Councillor Steve Wills as a replacement for Councillor Edward Crouch. Councillor Wills' term to end in June 2018.

3. Context

- 3.1 Councillor Edward Crouch was appointed for a three year term of office in June 2015. Therefore, it is proposed that the new Director will be appointed for the remainder of this term, until June 2018.
- 3.2 There are two positions for Worthing Borough Council on the Board, the other position is taken by Councillor Louise Murphy. Councillor Murphy was appointed in November 2015 for a 3 year term.

- 3.3 Worthing Homes has requested that the appointed Councillor has a detailed background in all aspects of housing matters.
- 3.4 The appointed Councillor should understand the workload necessary as a Director on the Board.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Leader is invited to consider appointing Councillor Steve Wills as a replacement for Councillor Edward Crouch.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 Informal discussions have taken place between the Chief Executive of Worthing Homes and Councillor Steve Wills on the expectations and workload of a Director for Worthing Homes.

6. Financial Implications

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

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 allows certain functions and responsibilities to be determined locally 'local choice functions'.
- 7.2 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.

Background Papers

Email exchange with Worthing Homes, Chief Executive and Leader

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

- Matter considered and no issues identified.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

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

2.2 Equality Issues

- Matter considered and no issue identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

- Matter considered and no issue identified.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

- Matter considered and no issue identified.

3. Environmental

- Matter considered and no issue identified.

4. Governance

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