

Rother District Council

Report to	-	Council
Date	-	21 September 2022
Report of the	-	Chief Executive
Subject	-	Appointment of Director of Housing Company

Recommendation: It be RESOLVED: That:

- 1) the resignation of Councillor Drayson as a Company Director of the Council's Housing Company, Rother DC Housing Company Ltd be noted;
 - 2) Councillor Lynn Langlands be appointed as Company Director to the current vacancy; and
 - 3) subject to 2) above, the consequential changes to the Membership of the Planning Committee be noted.
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Introduction

1. As Members will be aware, the Council has established a local housing company (Rother DC Housing Company Ltd) to accelerate housing delivery and increase overall housing supply across the District. In July 2020, Cabinet approved the Articles of Association and the Shareholders Agreement and Councillors John Barnes, Charles Clark, Brian Drayson and Richard Thomas were appointed as Company Directors by full Council at its meeting in August (Minute C20/31 refers).
2. The Council can appoint up to a maximum of four elected Members as Company Directors.
3. On 30 May 2022 Councillor Drayson tendered his resignation with immediate effect following his appointment to the Audit and Standards Committee and election as Chair of the Committee. As the Shareholder of the Company, it is for full Council to remove and appoint Members to serve as Company Directors on the Board.

New Director

4. Councillor Lyn Langlands has been nominated by the Leader of the Council to fill the current Member vacancy on the Board of Directors.
5. Should there be any other nominations received on the night, the appointment will be confirmed by secret ballot in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.4.
6. Should Councillor Lynn Langland's nomination be confirmed by the Council, she will be unable to serve as a substantive Member of the Planning Committee, in accordance with the Shareholder's Agreement. It is therefore noted, that subject to her appointment being confirmed, Councillor Langlands will become the substitute Member for the Association of Independents with

Councillor Byrne (current Substitute) becoming the substantive Member with immediate effect.

Conclusion

7. Council is invited to appoint a Councillor as a Company Director to serve on the Council's Housing Company's Board of Directors.

Malcolm Johnston
Chief Executive