

Housing and Health Committee	
Meeting Date	5 th July 2022
Report Title	Appointment of Swale Rainbow Homes Shareholder Committee and Training for Swale Rainbow Homes Shareholder Committee
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Head of Service	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing and Communities
Lead Officer	Charlotte Hudson, Head of Housing and Communities
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<p>The committee is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint 7 members to the sub-committee. 2. Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair 3. Approve to make Shareholder Training mandatory for all members on the committee. 4. Agree to open up the training to all members of the Housing and Health Committee should they substitute for members on the Committee.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the Housing and Health committee to appoint members of the committee to the Swale Rainbow Homes Shareholder Panel, appoint chair and vice chair and consider the training for those appointed to the Swale Rainbow Homes Shareholder Committee.

2 Background

- 4.1 In October 2020 it was resolved to create a Local Housing Company (LHC) Swale Rainbow Homes. Swale Rainbow Homes was constituted in April 2021 and directors appointed to operate the Company. The Council is the sole shareholder of the company.
- 4.2 To provide appropriate oversight and scrutiny a Shareholder Panel was established, and a Shareholder agreement drafted setting out the roles and responsibilities, reporting mechanisms and decisions that need to be raised to the Shareholder Panel.
- 4.3 The Shareholder Panel is a sub-committee of the Housing and Health Committee and must be made up of members from that committee, political balance is not required. The previous Shareholder Committee had 7 members. The Shareholder Panel cannot include anyone who is a director of Swale Rainbow Homes Ltd.

- 4.4 It is extremely important that members of the Swale Rainbow Homes Shareholder Committee, understand their role and do not act as 'shadow directors' of the company. Therefore, training is being arranged and will be delivered by Trowers and Hamlin LLP.
- 4.5 The Housing and Health Committee are asked to consider if this training should be made mandatory for the members that sit on the Shareholder Committee and if the training should be opened to other members of the Housing and Health Committee to assist with increased knowledge and if any members are substituted at the Committee.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 To appoint members to the Swale Rainbow Homes Shareholder Panel.
- 3.2 To appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the sub-committee
- 3.3 *To make Shareholder Training **mandatory** for all those that sit on the Swale Rainbow Homes Shareholder Panel.*
- 3.2 *To open the training to all committee members that sit on the Housing and health Committee.*

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 The sub-committee needs to be in place and therefore there are no alternative options. The training could be optional or not deliver the training, this is not recommended as committee members need to understand their role and responsibility.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 None.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	This supports objective 1 of the corporate plan. Building the right homes in the right places.
Financial, Resource and Property	The training will cost around £1k and funding has been secured for this.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	The training will cover the legal responsibilities of the Shareholder Panel.
Crime and Disorder	No implications identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	No implications identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	No implications identified at this stage.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	No implications identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	The training will manage the risk of Shareholder Panels acting outside of their remit.
Equality and Diversity	No implications identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	No implications identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

7.1 None

8 Background Papers

8.1 There are no background papers.