

TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' PANEL
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Lead Officer: Director of Housing

Wards: All

Agenda Item: 13

Subject:- Revised Constitution for Tenant & Leaseholder Panel

1. SUMMARY

This report proposes amendments to the constitution to this panel to reflect recent changes to the resident involvement framework.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to adopt the proposed constitution.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Tenant & Leaseholder Panel was established in 1990 to bring together resident representatives from all the residents' associations from across the borough.
- 3.2 The aims of the panel remain similar to those of today. These are to enable council tenants and leaseholders to express their views and influence decisions affecting the delivery of housing services in the borough.
- 3.3 Historically the resident membership of the panel was made up of nominations from residents' associations or resident panels. However, following significant reductions in the number of these groups, discussions have taken place with the Resident Involvement Group (RIG) to review the membership criterion for the panel.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The proposed revised constitution is attached as Appendix A. The principle of opening up involvement to all tenants and leaseholders is to be extended to the Tenant & Leaseholder Panel. However, it is proposed that total resident membership be limited to a maximum of 32 for practical reasons.
- 4.2 It is proposed that residents apply to become members of the panel by

completing a self-assessment form (Appendix B) to demonstrate they have the commitment and skills to be an effective member of the panel.

- 4.3 All applications will be approved by a panel consisting of two existing resident panel members and an officer of the resident involvement team.
- 4.4 All existing panel members will continue to be members of the panel without the need to complete a self-assessment form.
- 4.5 The other main change to the constitution is the proposal to limit the time that the Chair can continue to remain in their role to three years (unless there are no other nominations). The purpose of this change is to encourage and provide an opportunity for more residents to take on this role.

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