

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 9 OCTOBER 2008

APPOINTMENT TO CUNNINGHAME HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to invite Council to consider the appointment of an Elected Member to Cunninghame Housing Association Ltd.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Housing Associations are independent housing organisations registered with the Scottish Housing Regulator under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001. They provide high quality housing and work towards building sustainable communities.
- 2.2** The Management Committee of Cunninghame Housing Association has overall responsibility for the governance, strategic direction and performance of the Association.
- 2.3** Cunninghame Housing Association has housing stock within the Longpark and Altonhill areas of Kilmarnock.

3. REQUEST TO APPOINT AN ELECTED MEMBER FROM EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 3.1** The Chief Executive of the Housing Association has invited the Council to nominate a representative to sit on the Management Committee of the Association for the period September 2008 to August 2009.
- 3.2** The Association provides induction training to new members, which can be customised to Councillor Representative needs/time constraints. Council Representatives have full voting rights and all Committee Members under the Charitable Rules of the Association are expected to take collective responsibility for decisions taken by Management Committee and adhere to the Associations Regulatory Code of Governance.
- 3.3** All Committee Members require to sign forms for:
- Disclosure of Interest;
 - Declaration of Confidentiality; and
 - Conflict of Interest.
- 3.4** Committee Members must also uphold all policies e.g. equal opportunities, recruitment and selection, training and development and bullying and harassment.

3.5 Meetings are normally held within the Head Office in Adrossan and there are normally 7 meetings per year, the next meeting to be held on 30 October 2008.

4. POLICY/FINANCIAL/COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS – None arising directly from this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Association has confirmed that appropriate public liability/Directors and Officers Indemnity Insurance is in place and that such insurance is adequate and covers the extent of the relevant risks involved in members being appointed to the Association.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (ii) considers the appointment of an Elected Member to sit on the Management Committee of Cunninghame Housing Association Ltd; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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15 September 2008

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letters dated 23 June and 5 August 2008 from the Chief Executive of Cunninghame Housing Association Ltd.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Julie McGarry, Administration Manager on telephone (01563) 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on telephone (01563) 576135.

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