

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
10 April 2018

Subject: BOARD MEMBERSHIP – BROADACRES HOUSING ASSOCIATION

All Wards
Leader of the Council: Councillor M S Robson

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Chief Executive to join the Board of Broadacres Housing Association.
- 1.2 Broadacres Housing Association is the largest Registered Social Landlord within the district. It is seeking new board members with the knowledge and skills to develop the organisation.
- 1.3 The Council already works with Broadacres in areas such as homelessness and the provision of affordable housing. In recent times the Council has also provided a loan to Broadacres. These areas support the Council's priority of 'Providing a Special Place to Live' (specifically on meeting the housing needs of all residents) and there may be a certain synergy in the Chief Executive fulfilling this role, although it must be borne in mind that when acting as a board member the Chief Executive would be representing Broadacres and not acting as a representative of the Council.
- 1.4 The Chief Executive considers this to be a development opportunity to enable him to acquire a more detailed knowledge of housing issues and delivery within the district. This in turn will provide greater understanding of the relevant challenges facing the Council in the future.
- 1.5 Most of the time required for the role will be on an evening and will be undertaken on the Chief Executive's own time. As such it is unlikely to impact on the time the Chief Executive devotes to his role within the Council.
- 1.6 A modest allowance of £3,651.00 per annum accompanies the role. This is paid by Broadacres Housing Association.
- 1.7 The Chief Executive recognises and understands the separation of roles and duties required when acting for the Council and, if this appointment is approved, for Broadacres. Due to the synergy with Council priorities conflicts of interest are expected to be rare, but should a conflict of interest arise the Chief Executive would not take part in discussions at the Board.

2.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

- 2.1 The role will provide continuing professional development for the Chief Executive and support one of the Council's core foundations, namely to develop the skills and abilities of Council officers. The role also links to the Council's priority of providing a special place to live and specifically providing an adequate amount of housing to meet the housing needs of all residents.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

3.1 There are no significant risks associated with the report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The Council's Constitution provides that officers above grade 10 should only take up additional appointments following express consent by the Council.

6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES

6.1 There are no equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION:

7.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approves and recommends to Council that consent is given for the Chief Executive to become a Board Member of Broadacres Housing Association.

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Background papers: None

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