

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET – 29 JANUARY 2015

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2014/15 – WREKIN HOUSING TRUST

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LAW, DEMOCRACY & PEOPLE SERVICES

LEAD CABINET MEMBER – COUNCILLOR KULDIP SAHOTA

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of a replacement representative to the Wrekin Housing Trust for the 2014/15 municipal year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That a replacement representative be appointed to the Wrekin Housing Trust for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year.**

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Co-Operative Council priority objective(s)?	
	Yes	Wrekin Housing Trust is a key local partner in promoting the health and wellbeing of our communities, and in ensuring that local people have access to suitable housing.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	Not applicable.
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	<i>Not applicable</i>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	No	Not applicable.
LEGAL ISSUES	No	The Council is a corporate trustee of the WHT, and its appointed representative takes on the role and legal responsibilities of a director of the company.

OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	Not applicable.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Not applicable.

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4. INFORMATION

- 4.1 Wrekin Housing Trust is a registered social landlord whose principal activities are the development and management of social housing. The Trust rents out over 11,000 properties and is the largest social landlord in Telford & Wrekin.
- 4.2 Like all housing associations, the Trust is run by a Board of Management. The Board has eleven members whose role it is to ensure the Trust is run to the highest standards and meets all regulatory, legal and financial requirements. In addition, the Board is responsible for setting and monitoring the strategic direction of the company. The members of the Board are registered at Companies House as directors of the company and are also Charitable Trustees.
- 4.3 Telford & Wrekin Council is a corporate trustee of the Trust, and since 2007 has appointed annually one Elected Member to represent the Council on the Board. Since 2011/12 the appointed representative to the Trust has been Councillor Roy Picken. Following his resignation as a Councillor at the start of this year, there is now a vacancy on the Trust Board for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year.
- 4.4 The political Groups have been asked to submit nominations, and these will be reported at the meeting.

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cabinet – 28 June 2014 (Minute Number CB-11).

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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