



Housing Select Committee

Confirmation of Chair & Vice Chair of the Housing Select Committee

Date: 15 September 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

Further to the Annual General Meeting of Council on 15 July 2020, this report informs the Select Committee of the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair of the Housing Select Committee.

- To Confirm the election of Councillor Peter Bernards as Chair of the Housing Select Committee.
- To Confirm the election of Councillor Stephen Penfold as Vice Chair of the Housing Select Committee.

1 Summary

- 1.1. On 15 July 2020, the Annual General Meeting of the Council considered a report setting out an allocation of seats on committees to political groups on the Council in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 1.2. The constitutional allocation for both chairs and vice chairs of select committees is:
Labour: 6

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Select Committee is recommended to:
 - (i) Confirm the election of Councillor Peter Bernards as Chair of the Housing Select Committee
 - (ii) Confirm the election of Councillor Stephen Penfold as Vice Chair of the Housing Select Committee

3. Policy Context

3.1. The strategic priorities of the Council's [Corporate Strategy for 2018-2022](#) are:

[Open Lewisham](#) - Lewisham is a welcoming place of safety for all, where we celebrate the diversity that strengthens us.

[Tackling the housing crisis](#) - Everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.

[Giving children and young people the best start in life](#) - Every child has access to an outstanding and inspiring education, and is given the support they need to keep them safe, well and able to achieve their full potential.

[Building an inclusive local economy](#) - Everyone can access high-quality job opportunities, with decent pay and security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.

[Delivering and defending: health, social care and support](#) - Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.

[Making Lewisham greener](#) - Everyone enjoys our green spaces, and benefits from a healthy environment as we work to protect and improve our local environment.

[Building safer communities](#) - Every resident feels safe and secure living here as we work together towards a borough free from the fear of crime.

4. Financial implications

4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

5. Legal implications

5.1. Select Committees are obliged to act in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

6. Equalities implications

6.1. Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

6.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

7. Climate change and environmental implications

7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

8. Crime and disorder implications

8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

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9. **Health and wellbeing implications**

- 9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

10. **Background papers**

- 10.1. [Agenda for Lewisham Council AGM – 15 July 2020](#)

11. **Report contact**

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