

Council

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Part 1 - Public

Matters for Decision



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Non-Annual Appointment to Outside Body - Berry Housing Trust, Stansted

1 Summary and Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Secretary of the Berry Housing Trust has asked that a new Trustee be appointed.

2 Corporate Strategy Priority Area

- 2.1 Efficient services for all our residents, maintaining an effective council.
- 2.2 Representatives are appointed to outside bodies to express the views of the Borough Council to those bodies on the work they undertake. There is also the opportunity to receive feedback on any issues emerging from those bodies that relate to Council activities.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That Mr Mathew Crisp be appointed as a Trustee to the Berry Housing Trust for an indefinite period; and
- 3.2 That the Outside Bodies Schedule be updated to reflect the new appointment.

4 Introduction and Background

- 4.1 The Secretary of the organisation has asked the Borough Council to consider the appointment of Mr Mathew Crisp as a new trustee to the Berry Housing Trust. This request was made over the telephone with colleagues in Democratic Services.

5 Proposal

- 5.1 The Berry Housing Trust have asked that Mr Mathew Crisp be appointed as a Trustee.
- 5.2 Mr Crisp has been resident in Stansted for three years, has been involved in many parish activities and assisted with the Alms house refurbishment programme
- 5.3 The Berry Housing Trust feel that Mr Crisp would be a valuable asset to the Trustee Board due to his overall knowledge of the area and organisation.
- 5.4 As this is a non-annual appointment the term of office is for an indefinite period.
- 5.5 There is no requirement for an appointment to be a member of the Borough Council and the Trust has emphasised the value of having a person with experience of their aims and role and the local area.
- 5.6 The appointment of Mr Crisp would increase the number of Trustees to 4.

6 Other Options

- 6.1 There are no other options requested.

7 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 7.1 There are no financial and value for money considerations for the Borough Council arising from this proposal.

8 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 N/A

9 Legal Implications

- 9.1 The matters raised in this report are considered to be routine, uncontroversial or not legally complex and a legal opinion has not been sought on these proposals.

10 Consultation and Communications

11 Implementation

12 Cross Cutting Issues

- 12.1 Climate Change and Biodiversity

- 12.1.1 Adaptation and resilience have not been considered.

- 12.1.2 Climate change advice has not been sought in the preparation of the options and recommendations in this report.

12.2 As this is an administrative function related to the operation of an external organisation there no climate change and biodiversity issues for the Borough Council to consider.

12.3 Equalities and Diversity

12.3.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

12.4 Other If Relevant

- None

Background Papers	None
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