

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2005/2006 REPORT NO. **300**

**MEETING TITLE AND DATE:**

Constitution Review Group  
– 9 February 2006  
COUNCIL – 22 February 2006

**REPORT OF:**

Director of Finance & Corporate  
Resources (Borough Secretary)

<b>Agenda – Part: 1</b>	<b>Item: 8</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Proposed change to the Council’s Constitution: Community Housing Partnership Boards Composition	
<b>Cabinet Member consulted:</b>	

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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report sets out a proposed change to the Council’s Constitution. If agreed by the Review Group, the recommendation will need to be made to Council on 22 February 06.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the following requirement in relation to the composition of Community Housing Partnership Boards be amended to reflect the actual appointments made:

(v) the Partnership Board elect a Chairman from amongst the councillor membership and Vice-Chairman from amongst the tenant representative membership each year.

**3. Community Housing Partnership Boards**

3.1 The Community Housing Partnership (CHP) meetings were begun in 2004. The three Boards are based on three partnership areas in Eastern and Western Enfield and Edmonton. Their aim is to modernise the way in which the Council communicates with its stakeholders on Housing and associated issues, and to promote the exercise of residents’ rights and enable the community to make decisions on local priorities, targeting resources to meet local needs.

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3.2 The Community Housing Partnership Boards consist of nine tenants and leaseholders resident in the area of the CHP. Up to nine Councillors, appointed by the Council, also serve on the Board. Membership of the Community Housing Partnership Board is open to all tenants and leaseholders elected as estate representatives in their district.

3.3 Currently, the Membership of the Committee provides that:

(v) The Partnership Board elect a Chairman and deputy each year from amongst the councillor membership.

3.4 To ensure community involvement, each CHP has in fact appointed a Councillor as Chairman of the Board, and a tenant representative as Vice-Chairman. It is being recommended that the composition requirement in the Constitution is amended to reflect this, as follows:

(v) The partnership Board elect a Chairman from amongst the councillor membership and Vice-Chairman from amongst the tenant representative membership each year.

## 4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

To leave the situation as it is would mean that the Community Housing Partnerships were not operating according to the Council's Constitution.

## 5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To enable the Council to better meet the aims and objectives of Community Housing Partnerships.

## 6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE RESOURCES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

### 6.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

### 6.2 Legal Implications

The Constitution requires that any changes to it are made via Constitution Review Group and approved by full Council. Chapter 2.7 (6) deals with the composition of Community Housing Partnership Boards.

## 7. PUTTING ENFIELD FIRST

## **APPENDIX 4**

Aim 5 – Supporting the delivery of excellent services

### **Background Papers**

None