

## STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

AGENDA

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ITEM NO

19 JULY 2018

**6b**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>TENANT REPRESENTATIVES ON HOUSING COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To advise that one of the existing tenant reps appointed by Council in October 2016 will come to the end of their tenure shortly and requesting that consideration be given to extending their tenure to February 2019 in line with their counterpart enabling a single recruitment process.
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>The Council RESOLVES to extend the tenure of Ian Allen to February 2019 in line with his counterpart Sadie Tazewell allowing for a consistent handover.</b>
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	Discussion with both tenant reps Update to Housing Committee (12 June 2018) on the current position
<b>Financial Implications and Risk Assessment</b>	<p>There are no significant financial implications from this report. The recommended decision to recruit to the two tenant representative posts together would prevent the cost of recruiting twice.</p> <p>Lucy Clothier, Principal Accountant Tel: 01453 754343 Email: <a href="mailto:lucy.clothier@stroud.gov.uk">lucy.clothier@stroud.gov.uk</a></p> <p>We remain compliant with the regulator for social housing requirements regarding tenant involvement, these roles on Housing Committee enhance our position. If we only had one representative this would increase the workload for that individual and the risk may increase in terms of that tenant stepping down ahead of their prescribed tenure.</p>
<b>Legal Implications</b>	The Homes & Communities Agency (referred to as the Regulator of Social Housing in this context) Regulatory Framework for Social Housing in England requires the council (as a Registered Provider of Social Housing) to ensure tenants are given a wide range of opportunities to influence and be involved in the management of their homes, the formulation of policies and the making of decisions about how housing landlord services are delivered. This is a decision to be taken by Full Council as it is regarding the composition of Housing Committee.

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<b>Options</b>	<b>Not to extend the term (see risk assessment by the author above)</b>

## 1. **BACKGROUND**

Housing Committee, at its sitting on 28 June 2016, recommended to full Council the recruitment of 2 tenant representatives (with no voting rights) to sit on Housing Committee to speak in relation to housing matters

- 1.1. At full Council on 21 July 2016 it was agreed that 2 tenant reps would sit on Housing Committee.

## 2. **CONCLUSION**

Due to the recruitment process, the appointment of both tenant representatives was staggered. In order to align the roles, it is sensible to extend Ian Allen's tenure to February 2019 in line with his counterpart Sadie Tazewell. This will enable a single recruitment process to be carried out. This was discussed and supported by Housing Committee members at its meeting on 12 June 2018.