

# Valley Housing Matters

Report of the Finance Portfolio Holder

## **Recommended:**

**That the Finance Portfolio be appointed as the Council's shareholder representative on the Board of Valley Housing Ltd.**

### SUMMARY:

- Valley Housing Ltd was incorporated in April 2016. Test Valley Borough Council is the 100% shareholder.
- The Council can appoint a shareholder representative to the Board of Valley Housing Ltd. Following the retirement of Councillor Giddings at the recent Borough elections, a new appointment is necessary.

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Council established a wholly-owned subsidiary company, Valley Housing Ltd (VHL), in April 2016. This was pursuant to Cabinet approval on 28 October 2015.
- 1.2 The Operational Agreement between the Council and VHL ensures that the Council maintains a degree of control over the activities of VHL.
- 1.3 The Council is able to appoint an executive member as its shareholder representative on the Board of VHL. Councillor Giddings was previously appointed to this role.
- 1.4 Rather than naming an individual Councillor to fulfil this role, it is recommended that it forms part of the responsibilities of the Finance Portfolio Holder.

## **2 Options**

- 2.1 Cabinet has the option to appoint an executive member as the Shareholder Representative on the Board of Valley Housing Ltd. It is not a requirement that such an appointment is made.

## **3 Option Appraisal**

- 3.1 The shareholder representative is entitled to call and attend general meetings of the company and exercise all the rights of a shareholder at such a meeting.
- 3.2 Without appointing a representative, the ability to efficiently respond to a general meeting notice or vote at such a meeting will be impaired.

#### **4 Risk Management**

4.1 An evaluation of the risks indicates that the existing controls in place mean that no significant risks have been identified at this time.

#### **5 Resource Implications**

5.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

#### **6 Equality Issues**

6.1 This report does not identify any equality issues.

#### **7 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation**

7.1 The appointment of a shareholder representative on the Board of VHL will ensure that the Council is able to be represented at general meetings of the company.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.			
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