

11 October 2012

This record relates to Agenda Item 56

RECORD OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE DECISION

SUBJECT: TENANT SCRUTINY

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THE DECISION

- (1) That the establishment of a Tenant Scrutiny Panel in Brighton & Hove, with the terms of reference set out in Appendix A to the report with effect from December 2012 be agreed;
- (2) That the Head of Housing be granted delegated powers to:
 - (i) after consultation with the Chair of the Housing Committee and tenant representatives as he/she considers appropriate, appoint the selection panel for the appointment of Members of the Tenant Scrutiny Panel;
 - (ii) after consultation with the Monitoring Officer, the Chair of Housing Committee and relevant tenant representatives, agree the code of conduct that would apply to Members of the Tenant Scrutiny Panel;
 - (iii) take any steps necessary or incidental to the establishment and continued operation of the Tenant Scrutiny Panel, including the power to make transitional arrangements as he/she thinks fit.
- (3) That the role of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee be noted, including the powers regarding scrutiny and call-in are not affected by these proposals although the existence of the Panel and its work will be a factor taken into account in deciding what issues the committee reviews.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Registered social housing providers are now expected to support tenants to develop and implement opportunities for their involvement and empowerment. A key component of this is to support the formation and activities of Tenant Scrutiny Panels.

Establishing a TSP is also a priority within the council's corporate plan.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Tenant Innovation Group considered a number of issues and alternatives in making its recommendations as to the model it would like to see progressed. Proposals have been further developed after research into good practice at a national level.

Proper Officer:

Date: <publish date>

Mark Wall, Head of Democratic Services

Signed:

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CALL-IN FOR SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken subject to:

- (i) any requirement for earlier implementation of the decision or,
- (ii) the decision being called in for review by 5 Members from two or more Groups represented on the Council.

