

Seaside Homes Trustee Nomination Briefing

About Seaside Homes

Seaside Homes is an **independent charitable housing organisation** working in partnership with **Brighton & Hove City Council**. We have raised finance and leased **499 empty properties** from the Council, refurbished them to a high standard, and let them to people in housing need. Seaside Homes' aim is to provide **safe, decent and affordable homes**, while helping residents to sustain their tenancies and improve their wellbeing.

Partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council

Seaside Homes works closely with the Council to ensure that properties are allocated to households most in need. The partnership allows us to make best use of empty properties, improve housing quality, and provide long-term, stable homes.

Why We Are Contacting the East Area Panel

Under Seaside Homes' governance arrangements, the **East Area Panel** has the right to **nominate one trustee** to sit on the Seaside Homes Board. This can be either a **Council tenant** or a **Council leaseholder**. There is currently a **vacancy** following the recent resignation of the Panel's appointed trustee.

About the Trustee Role

Trustees act in the **best interests of Seaside Homes** as a charity. They do not represent tenants or leaseholders individually, but instead contribute to the overall strategic direction, governance, and performance of the organisation.

Key responsibilities include:

- Helping to set Seaside Homes' strategic direction and priorities.
- Ensuring strong governance and compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Overseeing financial and operational performance.
- Attending Board meetings (usually every three months).

Support and Induction

No previous Board or governance experience is required. Full **induction and ongoing training** are provided to help new trustees develop confidence and contribute effectively.

Next Steps

At the upcoming East Area Panel meeting, the co-chairs will invite members to:

1. **Discuss potential candidates** for nomination.
2. **Agree a nomination** to put forward to Seaside Homes for consideration.

