

Area Panels: September 2014

Subject: Elections

Background

There are a number of positions available and at the Area panels we will be electing to

1. Service Improvement Groups
2. Deputy Chair of the Area Panel
3. Strengthening Area Panels task and finish group
4. Tenant Disability Network

Residents were elected to the **Service Improvement Groups** for two years in 2013, with a second round of elections to fill gaps held in September. We are holding elections onto the groups to fill the spaces for one year. So there will be another round of elections to the Service Improvement Groups in September 2015.

As part of the decision to strengthen and reinvigorate Area Panels, each Panel will elect a resident representative as the **Deputy Chair**, working with and substituting for the councillor Chair.

We are also electing to the **Strengthening Area Panels task and finish group**, with one representative from each of the Area Panels, who will work with one representative from each of the special interest groups, and Chris El-Shabba and Ann Ewings who have already been elected from the Involvement & Empowerment Service Improvement Group.

We are also electing to the vacancies on the **Tenant Disability Network**.

Are you interested in using social media? There is a free training opportunity funded through Communities First. It will be held over a day in November at Jubilee Library and there is a place available for each Area Panel, Service Improvement Group and special interest group (with some additional spaces up to 20 people). You might want to use this opportunity to find out how to use Facebook and Twitter to promote your association.

Service Improvement Groups

A summary of the last meetings of the Service Improvement Groups is included in your Area Panel papers. The work of each of the groups is as follows:-

- Home Group - repairs and maintenance and capital works
- Tenancy Group - keeping housing areas safe and supporting vulnerable tenants

- Neighbourhood & Community Group - keeping common areas clean and well maintained
- Involvement & Empowerment - supporting tenants to be involved
- Business & Value for Money Group - makes sure money is well spent.

All the groups meet at least four times a year; however with project work the groups are meeting more regularly. For example the Tenancy Group is working on a practical project to improve an estate, the Estates Development Budget Panel meets 10 times a year and the City Assembly Sub Group meets monthly. A reminder that representatives can only sit of one of the following:- Home, Tenancy & Neighbourhood and Community Groups.

If you would like more information please contact the Resident Involvement Team by phone (01273) 292112 or email RIT@brighton-hove.gov.uk

1. Service Improvement Groups

| Central | Representative | Representative |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Home | Carl Boardman | Vacant |
| Tenancy | Vacant | Vacant |
| Neighbourhood & Community | Andy Tuck | Ann Ewings |
| Involvement & Empowerment | Carl Boardman | Ann Ewings |
| Business & Value for Money | Ann Ewings | Theresa Mackey |
| | Deputy | Deputy |
| Home | Vacant | Vacant |
| Tenancy | Vacant | Vacant |
| Neighbourhood & Community | Vacant | Vacant |
| Involvement & Empowerment | Vacant | Vacant |
| Business & Value for Money | Vacant | Vacant |

| North | Representative | Representative |
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| Home | Tracey Cox, Barbara Castleton Bob Spacie –co-opted North EDB rep until April | |

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| Tenancy | Martin Cullen | Vacant |
| Neighbourhood & Community | Jenny Simmonds | Vacant |
| Involvement & Empowerment | Vacant | Vacant |
| Business & Value for Money | Vacant | Vacant |
| | Deputy | Deputy |
| Home | Mary Marchant | Vacant |
| Tenancy | Paul Wright | Heather Hayes |
| Neighbourhood & Community | Vacant | Vacant |
| Involvement & Empowerment | Vacant | Vacant |
| Business & Value for Money | Vacant | Vacant |

| West | Representative | Representative |
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| Home | Alison Gray, Muriel Briault, Tony Brown | |
| Tenancy | Barry Hill, Patricia Patchett, Julie Fosberry | |
| Neighbourhood & Community | Vacant | Vacant |
| Involvement & Empowerment | Muriel Briault | Vacant |
| Business & Value for Money | Les Batchelor | Vacant |
| | Deputy | Deputy |
| Home | Vacant | Vacant |
| Tenancy | Chrissie Hilton | Vacant |
| Neighbourhood & Community | Vacant | Vacant |
| Involvement & Empowerment | Alison Gray | Vacant |
| Business & Value for Money | Vacant | Vacant |

| East | Representative | Representative |
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| Home | Vacant | Vacant |

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| Tenancy | Vacant | Vacant |
| Neighbourhood & Community | Chris El-Shabba | Vacant |
| Involvement & Empowerment | Chris El Shabba | Vacant |
| Business & Value for Money | Vacant | Vacant |
| | Deputy | Deputy |
| Home | Chris El-Shabba – needs replacing as on N&C | Vacant |
| Tenancy | Paul Wright | Vacant |
| Neighbourhood & Community | Vacant | Vacant |
| Involvement & Empowerment | Vacant | Vacant |
| Business & Value for Money | Patrick McKenna | Vacant |

2. Election of resident Deputy Chair of the Area Panel

3. Election of representative on the Strengthening Area Panel task and finish group

4. Tenant Disability Network

| | Representative | Representative | Deputy |
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| Central | Vacant | Vacant | Jason Williams |
| North | Vacant | Vacant | Vacant |
| West | Alison Gray | Jo Macrae | Muriel Briault |
| East | Faith Matyszak | Vacant | Vacant |

5. Volunteer for the Social Media training