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REPORT OF:	PEOPLE & WELFARE
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TO:	Executive
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EXECUTIVE MEMBER:	COUNCILLOR MRS R. RENTON

KEY DECISION REQUIRED:	NO
WARD (S) AFFECTED:	ALL

SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENTS TO RAVEN HOUSING TRUST
RECOMMENDATIONS: The Executive is requested to nominate: (i) Councillor Mrs J. Bray to serve on the Board of Raven Housing Trust for a period of three Municipal years (2015/16 - 2017/18); and (ii) Councillor Mrs R. Renton and Councillor Mrs N.J. Bramhall to serve as Member/Substitute on Raven Housing Trust's General Committee for 2015/16.	
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS: Every year the Council nominates a Board Member to the Board of Raven (the Council has three nominees in total) and a Member/Substitute on Raven's General Committee.	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This report covers the annual appointment of a nominee to serve on the Board and General Committee of Raven Housing Trust.	

The above recommendation is subject to approval by Full Council.

STATUTORY POWERS

1. Representation on outside bodies is made in accordance with Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000.

BACKGROUND

2. Under the provisions of the Council's Constitution (Part 3a Responsibility for Local Choice Functions paragraph 11) the nomination of representatives to serve on the Raven Housing Trust will be by way of recommendation to full Council.
3. The Council has three representatives who serve as non-Executive Directors on the board of Raven Housing Trust. These representatives serve for terms of three years

and there is a rolling programme of re-confirming or replacing one representative every year.

4. Although Raven Housing Trust Board Members receive a small remuneration for the role, under legislation Councillors cannot receive this payment. Therefore Council appointments to Raven Housing Trust are not remunerated.
5. The Council also appoints a Member and Substitute on the General Committee of the Trust on an annual basis.
6. These representatives can be invaluable ambassadors and communicators but the role involves no direct, individual accountability to the Council regarding Raven Housing Trust's business or decisions.
7. The Head of People & Welfare invites Councillors with a possible interest in joining the Raven Housing Trust Board to meet with the Trust's Chief Executive. This took place on 23 June 2015.
8. Following the meeting anyone interested in being considered for nomination by the Council is required to submit a nomination for consideration by the Executive and recommendation to Council.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

9. Councillor Mrs J. Bray was the only expression of interest that was submitted by the deadline of 1 July 2015.
10. Executive are asked to consider the nominees and to recommend one Councillor as the Council's nominated Board Member for the three year period from 2015-18.

Previous representative	Nomination
VACANCY	Councillor Mrs J. Bray

11. In line with the Council's procedures the Executive Member for Housing & Welfare will automatically be nominated for Raven Housing Trust's General Committee for 2015/16. The Executive are also requested to nominate a substitute for the General Committee for 2015/16. Previous representatives were as follows:

Previous representative	Nomination
Councillor Mrs Rita Renton Councillor Mrs Natalie Bramhall (substitute)	Councillor Mrs Rita Renton Councillor Mrs Natalie Bramhall (substitute)

OPTIONS

12. To recommend the Members nominated onto the Raven Housing Trust Board and General Committee.

13. To make no recommendation for these appointments. This is not recommended.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

14. The legal restrictions on remuneration are set out above. Full information on the responsibilities of the Board Member role were provided as part of the nomination process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

16. It is important that appointments to outside bodies are made by the Council in a fair and representative way best suiting the interests and diversity of Borough residents.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

17. None

CONSULTATION

18. All Members were provided with details and given an opportunity to make a nomination to this appointment through their Group Leaders or directly.

POLICY FRAMEWORK

19. None.

Background Papers: None