



General Purposes Committee
27th September 2007

**Report from the Director of
Housing and Community Care**

For Action

Wards Affected:
All

**Proposed Changes to Fortunegate Community Housing
Board**

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report concerns proposed changes to the board of Fortunegate Community Housing (FCH). It requests the Council to de-select one of its current representatives from the FCH Board in line with the report that went to the Executive in January 2007 which indicated that the level of Council representation would change from three members to two members.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That members inform Fortunegate Community Housing which member has been de-selected.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 15th January 2007, the Executive received a report: "Proposed Changes to Fortunegate Community Housing Board" (Fortunegate). The Executive agreed to the proposed changes in principle and gave delegated authority to the Director of Housing & Community Care to agree detailed changes which included any

necessary changes to Fortunegate's Memorandum and Articles of Association and any other legal documentation required, having taken advice from the Borough Solicitor.

- 3.2 The changes agreed at the Executive in January included the proposed reduction of places for Council members to sit on FCH's board from three places to two.
- 3.3 At the Full Council meeting on 21st May 2007 three members were selected to sit on the Fortunegate Community Housing's board as FCH proposed changes had not yet been approved by their board. The Council therefore needed to select three members to fulfil the board's requirement. The following Councillors have attended the board meetings:

Current Membership (since May 2007)		
Name	Number of Meetings held	Meetings attended
J.Long	1	1
R.Dunwell	1	1
C.Hirani	1	0

- 3.4 FCH will hold it's AGM on 20th September 2007 with the intention of approving all the changes. The Council will now need to decide upon which members will sit on Fortunegate Community Housing's board and inform FCH accordingly.

4.0 Legal Implications

- 4.1 As stated above in paragraph 3.1, the Executive decided on 15 January 2007 to agree to the proposed changes to Fortunegate Community Housing's Board as set out in the report to the Executive, in particular reducing the number of Council members on FCH's Board from three to two. The Executive also approved FCH's proposal to reduce the number of directors on FCH's Board from 18 to 12, thereby resulting in the proposal to reduce the number of Council directors on FCH's Board. This has resulted in proposed changes to the Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association and the Procedure Agreement of FCH, which make up the constitution of FCH. These proposed changes to FCH's constitution will be put before FCH's AGM on 20 September 2007 for approval.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report, in terms of additional cost to the council.

6.0 Diversity Implications

- 6.1 The proposals in this report have been subject to screening and in the officers view there are no adverse implications arising from the change in policy.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 That members makes a decision on who will be de-selected and inform Fortunegate Community Housing accordingly.

Background Papers

“The Future Role of Fortunegate in the Catalyst Housing Group” – report to FCH board 29 September 2006.

“Governance Review” – report to FCH board 11 May 2006.

“Governance Review” – report to FCH board 23 November 2006.

Memorandum and Articles of Association of Fortunegate Community Housing Executive Report 15th January 2007

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