

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 27 February 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services

PORTFOLIO: Leader

SUBJECT: Halton Housing Trust - Governance

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 Executive Board are asked to consider the recommendations of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board regarding the revision of the Halton Housing Trust governance arrangements.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board consider the Council's position.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 At its meeting on 21 January 2014, the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (EUR PPB) considered the attached report and Appendix A which set out the proposals from Halton Housing Trust (HHT) to revise its governance arrangements.

3.2 A governance review was commissioned by the Board of HHT in January 2013. The review considered that changes to the existing governance arrangements were necessary in order to be fully compliant with the requirements of the Homes and Communities Agency and the National Housing Federation Code of Governance.

3.3 Minute EUR39 from the meeting of the EUR PPB records their decision as follows:

RESOLVED: That

- 1) a copy of HHT legal advice on Board membership be circulated to members of the Policy and Performance Board;*
- 2) the proposed changes to the governance arrangements be recommended to the Executive Board for approval subject to the Council having a 33% representation on the HHT Board which is representative of the Council's share in HHT; and*

3) the Council retain three places on the HHT Board if the numbers of members on the Board is reduced to nine.

- 3.4 Executive Board are asked to consider and if minded, approve, the proposed changes as recommended by the EUR PPB.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 These are set out in the report to the PPB.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** - none
- 6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** - none
- 6.3 **A Healthy Halton** - none
- 6.4 **A Safer Halton** - none
- 6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – none arising directly out of this report.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Appendix A – information provided by Halton Housing Trust, a copy of which is attached to the report.