

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Constitution Committee

Date of Meeting: 14 July 2011
Report of: Democratic and Registration Services and Manager
Subject/Title: Director of Peaks and Plains Housing Trust

1.0 Report Summary

The Chairman is of the opinion that this matter constitutes urgent business and may be dealt with at this meeting in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 37.2. The reason for urgency is as follows:

“A decision is required to be made as soon as possible, and cannot wait until the next meeting of the Civic Sub Committee, on whether the Mayor should continue as a Director of Peaks and Plains Housing Trust. The Constitution Committee as parent Committee of the Civic Sub Committee is able to determine the matter.”

2.0 Recommendations

That the Committee endorses that the Mayor continue to serve as a Director of Peaks and Plains Housing Trust.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.0 Risk Management

5.1 No issues can be identified as arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6.0 Background

6.1 Under the Mayoral Code of Practice the Mayor should not be appointed as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of any Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council. He may accept ex officio positions with an outside organisation or body where his membership stems from his position as Mayor for the time being. He may attend the annual meeting or other special meetings of an outside organisation or body and may accept

the position of patron or president, but should not become actively involved during his term of office

- 6.2 Councillor Roger West has served as a Director of Cheshire Peaks and Plains Housing Trust since vesting day. As a Director both he and the Trust have invested considerable time, effort and resources in ensuring that he has the necessary skills and capabilities to perform the role of Director. However, under the Code of Practice the Mayor should consider resigning as a Director.
- 6.3 The Cabinet at its meeting held on 6th June 2011 made a number of appointments to Category 1 organisations including the Board of the Peaks and Plains Housing Trust. In view of the time and effort that has been invested by both the Mayor and the Trust the Cabinet resolved that the Civic Sub Committee be asked to consider the Cabinet's recommendation and endorse the Mayor's appointment as a Director of Peaks and Plains Housing Trust. In view of the need to resolve this matter at the earliest opportunity the Constitution Committee is asked to determine this matter.

7.0 Access to Information

- 71 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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