

<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE</b> Co-opted members of the Housing Scrutiny Committee	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Director of Property Management	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Housing Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE</b> 12 December 2022
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b> This report provides information on the process of co-opting members to the Council.</p> <p><b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b> No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Gavin Haynes Director of Property Management 020 7974 1955 <a href="mailto:gavin.haynes@camden.gov.uk">gavin.haynes@camden.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That the Housing Scrutiny Committee approves three co-opted members to join for the remainder of the municipal year in line with the Chair's recommendations.</p>	



Signed:

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the proposal to include three co-opted members on to Housing Scrutiny Committee and seek approval from Committee members on the candidates put forward by the Chair.

## **2. Introduction**

- 2.1 The Council's Constitution (part 4: item 3) includes provision for co-opted members of Scrutiny committees.
- 2.2 The Constitution states that: "Each scrutiny committee shall be entitled to appoint a number of people as nonvoting co-optees. Non-Voting co-optees are members of the committees and as such count towards the quorum as part of the 'elected membership.'"
- 2.3 Housing Scrutiny Committee currently has three vacant positions for co-opted members. The Chair has stated that these roles should be recruited to and the co-optees eligible to join the Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 municipal year.

## **3. Recruiting to co-opted vacancies**

- 3.1 One of the benefits of having co-opted members is that they can enable a broader discussion and an 'outside view' of services received. There is also an opportunity to draw on expertise as well as a member's lived experience. This can complement the existing skills, knowledge and experience of current Committee members.
- 3.2 To help achieve this, the Council sent adverts via its "Govdelivery" online platform inviting Council residents to volunteer as co-opted members. Expressions of interest, supported by a short, written statement (a maximum of 100 words) were to be provided by Friday 28 October 2022.
- 3.3 The Council received over sixty applications from Camden tenants, leaseholders and private rented sector representatives. Following a shortlisting process and a series of interviews, three co-optees will be recommended to the 12 December 2022 meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.

## **4. Finance Comments of the Executive Director of Corporate Services**

- 4.1 There are no resource implications arising for the Council.

## **5. Legal comments of the Borough Solicitor**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising for the Council.

## **6.1 Environmental Implications**

- 6.2 There are none

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