

<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> 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b> This report provides information on the process for filling the vacant co-opted members position on the Housing Scrutiny Committee.</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 the nominated co-opted member to join the Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year in line with the Chair's recommendations.</p>	



Signed:

Date: 2 November 2023

## **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the proposal to fill the vacant co-opted member position on the Housing Scrutiny Committee and seek approval from the Committee members on the candidate 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 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.
- 2.4 Three co-optees were appointed onto the Committee in July 2023 for the 2023/24 Municipal year following a recruitment process.

## **3. Co-opted vacancy**

- 3.1 Sadly, there is currently one vacant position for co-optee members following the unexpected death of Andrea Radice.
- 3.2 It is proposed that this vacancy is filled by Victor Seedman for the remainder of the 2023/24 Municipal year. Victor Seedman has previously sat on the Housing Scrutiny Committee as a co-opted member and was on the reserve list for this Municipal year.
- 3.3 Later in the year the Council will invite applications for the 2024/25 Municipal years from Council tenants and leaseholders, in addition to representatives from Housing Associations and the Private Rented Sector.

## **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.

**REPORT ENDS**