

Part A

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: Monday, 13 March 2023

Report author: Group Head of Democracy and Governance

Title: Appointment to Hart Homes (Watford) Limited and Hart Homes (Watford) Development LLP Operations Board

1.0 Summary

1.1 Shareholder Board received a report at its January meeting regarding the decision by the directors of Hart Homes (Watford) Limited and Hart Homes (Watford) Development LLP to create an operations board to enable both Watford Borough Council and Watford Community Housing to have greater oversight of the work of both the limited company and the LLP with regard to design and delivery of projects.

1.2 Shareholder Board endorsed the creation of the Operations Board and recommended to Cabinet the appointment of Julian Hart and Andrew Harris-Sanjivi as council representatives.

2.0 Risks

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Nature of risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response (treat, tolerate, terminate or transfer)	Risk Rating (combination of severity and likelihood)
Proposals from the companies come forward that do not have adequate input from council personnel	The council's perspective is not being taken into account and not meeting design, financial or housing expectations.	The establishment of the operations board with council representatives with the necessary skills and expertise.	Treat	2

3.0 **Recommendations**

- 3.1 That Julian Hart and Andrew Harris-Sanjivi be appointed to the Companies Operations Board.

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4.0 **Detailed proposal**

- 4.1 At its meeting in January Shareholder Board endorsed a decision taken by the directors of both Hart Homes (Watford) Limited and Hart Homes (Watford) Development LLP to create an Operations Board to provide partnership stability at inception and long-term confidence in the management of the development programme for the companies. The Operations Board would replace the 6 weekly meetings previously held at officer level between the council and Watford Community Housing and put the arrangement on a more formal footing.
- 4.2 The Operations Board is to be made up of two officers from the council and two from Watford Community Housing with sufficient skills and expertise to advise the directors of the companies on development opportunities and viability of schemes. Cabinet is asked to nominate Julian Hart the council's senior regeneration manager and Andrew Harris-Sanjivi finance business partner to the Operations Board.

5.0 **Implications**

5.1 **Financial**

- 5.1.1 The Shared Director of Finance comments that there are no financial implications in this report.

5.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

- 5.2.1 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report.

5.3 **Equalities, Human Rights and Data Protection**

- 5.3.1 There are no implications.

5.4 **Staffing**

5.4.1 These officers will be required to attend Operations Board meetings.

5.5 **Accommodation**

5.5.1 No implications

5.6 **Community Safety/Crime and Disorder**

5.6.1 No implications

5.7 **Sustainability**

5.7.1 No implications.

Appendices

None

Background papers

No papers were used in the preparation of this report.