

REPORT TO: Environment and Urban Renewal
Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 21 January, 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director (Legal & Democratic Services)

PORTFOLIO: LEADER

SUBJECT: Halton Housing Trust – Governance

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To consider a proposal from Halton Housing Trust to revise its governance arrangements.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Policy & Performance Board:

(1) receive a presentation from the Chair and Chief Executive of Halton Housing Trust;

(2) consider and scrutinise the proposals from Halton Housing Trust to revise its governance arrangements included as an Appendix to this report; and

(3) report their findings to the Council's Executive Board.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Halton Housing Trust has approached the Leader with a proposal to review the Trust's governance arrangements.

3.2 The Leader has asked the Board to review and scrutinise the Trust's proposals and report their findings to Executive Board.

3.3 The Trust has been invited to the Board to explain their proposals and why these changes are a requirement to avoid regulatory action

3.4 The proposals and further information from the Trust are set out at Appendix A to the report.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 If the proposals are accepted –

5.1.1 The number of members on the Trust Board will be reduced.

5.1.2 The term of office of Board members will be limited to 3 years and a maximum of 9 years

5.1.3 The Trust's Skills Matrix will form the basis for appointment to the Board.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 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 SECTIONS 100D OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Appendix A – Information provided by Halton Housing Trust