

ANGUS COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 13 MARCH 2025

APPOINTMENT OF TENANT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

ALISON WATSON, ACTING DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, GOVERNANCE AND CHANGE

1. ABSTRACT

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to consider nominations received from tenant representatives for appointment to this Committee.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

- 2.1 This Report contributes to the achievement of our priority that the council is efficient and effective as detailed in our Council Plan for 2023–2028.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the Scheme adopted by the Council for the appointment of tenant representatives to this Committee, provided in Appendix 1;
- (ii) notes that, following advertisement of the Scheme, two nominations have been received from tenant groups;
- (iii) approves the appointment of Mr Michael Cameron and Mr Thomas O'Brien as tenant representatives to this Committee in a non-voting capacity, in accordance with the Scheme; and
- (iv) notes that one vacancy remains and that a Report will be brought back to this Committee for consideration if a further nomination is received.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Angus Council, at its meeting of 19 December 2024, agreed to establish a Housing Committee comprising 16 elected members and, in a non-voting capacity, three tenant representatives ([Report No 391/24](#) refers).

- 4.2 It was also agreed that the tenant representatives be appointed to the Committee in accordance with a Scheme adopted by the Council which states that *'any constituted Group representing the views of tenants within the area of the Council who wishes to nominate a person to be considered for selection must, by a specified date, lodge with the Director of Legal, Governance and Change, a written request for consideration of such nominee, which must contain:-*

- *the full name and address of such nominee, being a person resident within the area of the Council, and a statement by the Group as to why such nominee is being proposed; and*
- *details of the constituted Group (name, number of representatives on the Group and a copy of the constitution).*

The Council shall consider the nominations submitted and shall select from them three persons for appointment to its Housing Committee.'

- 4.3 The Council delegated authority to the Housing Committee to approve the appointment of tenant representatives as and when the details of the nominees were known.

5. CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 Following adoption of the Scheme, notice seeking nominations of tenant representatives was provided via the Council website, social media channels, Housing colleagues and direct to constituted Tenant Groups in the Council area.
- 5.2 Two nominations, with an accompanying statement, have been received as follows:-

Lyell Court Community Group, Kirriemuir - Mr Michael Cameron – Mr Cameron has been a great asset to the community and residents of Lyell Court, working proactively with Residents, their families and wider community, Housing Officers, Tenant Participation Officers and Contractors. As a result, there has been significant and positive improvement in tenant satisfaction and engagement with Angus Council and Contractors.

Gallowshade Community Links Group, Forfar - Mr Thomas O'Brien - Mr O'Brien is currently on the tenant scrutiny group and the TP strategy group along with other members of the group working with TP officers and other housing services members. He has been involved with TP for 20yrs and has been a representative for Angus tenants on the Regional networks (now tenants together) working with tenants from other areas of Scotland and with the Scottish government. He will be able to represent views from the local tenants across Angus in particular the Forfar area.

Copies of the constitution for both Groups have also been received.

6. PROPOSALS

- 6.1 The Committee is asked to consider and approve the nominations received.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this Report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 There are no direct risks arising from the recommendations of this Report.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this Report.

10. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

- 10.1 A screening assessment has been undertaken and a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required as the report is technical.

11. CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND WELLBEING IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 11.1 A Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment has been undertaken and a full assessment is not required as the "General Principles" do not apply to this proposal.

12. CONSULTATION

- 12.1 The Director of Finance and the Interim Service Leader – Housing have been consulted on the contents of this Report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

REPORT AUTHOR: Sarah Forsyth, Manager – Democratic, Member Services and Elections

EMAIL DETAILS: LEGDEM@angus.gov.uk

Appendix 1 – Scheme relating to the selection by the Council of Non-Voting Tenant Representative
for Appointment to its Housing Committee