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**Report to Clackmannanshire Council**

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**Date of Meeting: 14th August 2014**

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**Subject: Representation on Outside Bodies -  
Ochilview Housing Association Management Committee**

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**Report by: Chief Executive**

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**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. Councillor Les Sharp has submitted his resignation as the Council's representative on Ochilview Housing Association Management Committee. The purpose of this report, therefore, is to seek a decision from Council on its future representation on the Management Committee.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council:
- a) considers whether or not it wishes to continue to have a representative on the Management Committee of Ochil View Housing Association;
  - b) should it agree to have a representative on that Management Committee, nominates an elected member to that position.

**3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1 In June, 2012, Council nominated Councillor Sharp as its representative on Ochil View Housing Association Management Committee. Councillor Sharp intimated in July, 2014, that he no longer wishes to act as the Council's representative on that Committee. The resulting vacancy, if it is to be filled, is required to be determined by Council.
- 3.2 In considering whether it wishes to continue to have a representative on the Management Committee, members' attention is drawn to guidance provided by the Standards Commission for Scotland which states as follows:

*"Authorities will frequently appoint councillors to outside bodies. When doing so councillors will then have responsibilities as members of those outside bodies. These responsibilities will potentially include personal liabilities and may also raise questions of conflict of interest. Conflicts of interest may arise through competing personal interests, or the competing interests of the respective organisations of which the councillor is a member. Councils will,*

*therefore, require to consider this issue carefully when appointing councillors to outside bodies and individual councillors will require to consider carefully whether they can accept such appointments in each case."*

#### **4.0 Other Matters**

4.1 Should Council nominate an elected member to the Management Committee, that councillor will have a personal responsibility to register the position in the register of interests. Training on duties in respect of the role may also required to be undertaken. It is understood that the Management Committee meets the last Thursday of each month.

#### **5.0 Resource Implications**

5.1 *Financial Details*

N/A

5.2 *Staffing*

N/A

#### **6.0 Exempt Reports**

6.1 Is this report exempt? No

#### **7.0 Declarations**

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

#### **8.0 Equalities Impact**

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes  No

#### **9.0 Legality**

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

## 10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

## 11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

The Standards Commission for Scotland, Guidance on the Councillors Code of Conduct

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