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**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **COUNCIL**

## **15<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive's**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Appointments to ALMO Shadow Board</b>
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### **1. Purpose**

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- 1.1 To seek the approval from Council for appointments to the Arm's Length Management Board (ALMO) Shadow Board

### **2. Recommendations**

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- 2.1 That the following Councillors be appointed to the ALMO Shadow Board: Councillors Hibbert, Bottwood, Beardsworth, Mason and N Choudary.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3. Report Background**

- 3.1 Northampton Borough Council's Corporate Plan 2012-15 included a commitment to looking at the potential options for the future ownership, funding and management of its Housing Stock to examine the options that would best deliver long term improvements needed to homes and estates.
- 3.1.1 Following the Housing Stock Options Appraisal, it was agreed by Cabinet on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 that an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) be created to manage the Housing Stock which was endorsed by Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
- 3.1.2 The legal set up of the ALMO was agreed by Cabinet on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 which included the recommendation that an ALMO Shadow Board structure be set up with the following membership:
- a) 5 Tenants
  - b) 5 Council Nominees

- c) 4 Independents- persons with specialist, financial, legal, housing and business skills
- d) 2 Employees

3.1.3 The Shadow Board will guide the development of the ALMO working with the Council, prior to the formal inception proposed for the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

3.1.4 The 5 Council nominees do not have to exclusively be comprised of serving Councillors, but may constitute ex Councillors or people who have a special interest in housing.

3.1.5 Separate processes are being followed to appoint tenant, employee and Independent members of the Board.

3.1.6 The Shadow Board will be superseded at the inception of the ALMO by the ALMO Board. If approved as members of the Shadow Board, the Council nominees will become members of the ALMO Board.

#### **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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##### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 n/a

##### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 None

##### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 The Council has a legal requirement to formally appoint members to enable the Shadow Board to operate effectively and lawfully

##### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 None

##### **4.5 Other Implications**

4.5.1 None

#### **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 None

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