

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I076016</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Council nominations for two Directors to the Board of Downshire Homes Ltd

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

This report seeks the consideration of the nominations of two Directors to the Board of Downshire Homes Ltd

4. **IS KEY DECISION** No

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Council Strategy and Community Cohesion

6. **DECISION:**

- i. The resignation of Chief Officer: Commissioning and Resources, Neil Haddock from the board of Downshire Homes Ltd is noted.
- ii. Simon Hendey Assistant Director of early help and communities and Julian McGowan Finance business partner are nominated to the board of Downshire Homes Ltd.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Neil Haddock had been nominated to the board of Downshire Homes Ltd by the Council. Neil has recently left the employ of Bracknell Forest Council and has resigned from the board. It is necessary to appoint a replacement. As Downshire Homes is a wholly Council owned company and requires financial advice at a board level it is recommended that the Finance business partner Julian McGowan who is a qualified CIPFA accountant, is nominated as a Director of Downshire Homes to fulfil that role. In addition it is recommended that Simon Hendey is appointed to the board so as to act as a Director responsible for operations. As DHLtd expands there is a need for a dedicated director to be responsible for the operational matters and managing the contracts the company has.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Council could decide not to make nominations onto the DHLtd board. This would leave the DHLtd board without financial expertise at board level as well as lack of capacity to deal with operational issues. As such this course of action is not recommended.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
17 May 2018	24 May 2018