

Council – 18th September 2017

Visionary Investment Enhancing Walsall Ltd. (VIEW) Board – Appointment of members

1. Summary of report

The Council has been requested by Walsall Housing Group to note the appointment of two independent members to the VIEW Board. In addition, Council are asked to appoint a representative as Councillor Towe has stood down.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the appointment of Manjit Jhooty and Jennifer Blake as independent members to the Board of Visionary Investment Enhancing Walsall Ltd. be noted; and
- 2.2 That Council appoints a representative to the Board for the balance of the 2017/18 municipal year.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 VIEW (Visionary Investment Enhancing Walsall) Ltd was set up in partnership with Walsall Council and is an exempt charity and registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.
- 3.2 It uses funding financed by VAT repayments to boost learning opportunities and help build vibrant communities who can play an active role in regeneration in Walsall.
- 3.3 The VIEW Board comprises members appointed by whg and Walsall Council and independent members.
- 3.4 Walsall Housing Group have informed the Council that they currently have vacancies for independent members of the VIEW Board, that is members not appointed by the Council or Walsall Housing Group Limited.
- 3.5 VIEW's rules state that "In exercising its power of appointment of independent Board Members the Board shall do so in accordance with its Standing Orders from time to time and in consultation with the Parent and with the Council".
- 3.6 Walsall Housing Group recently interviewed candidates for appointment as independent board members and subsequently informed the WHG board of its intention to appoint Manjit Jhooty and Jennifer Blake to the Board.

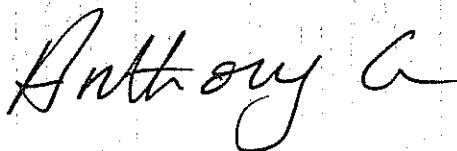
- 3.7 Manjit Jhooty is the CEO of Jhoots Pharmacy, whose new headquarters are in Walsall. His relevant skills and experience include: business management and leadership, health sector, governance, finance and risk management. He is a member of the National Primary Care Association and on the Boards of Steps to Work, Innovation Health and Wellbeing and Walsall Economic Board. He has good local knowledge.
- 3.8 Jennifer Blake is a consultant specialising in change management, having previously held a range of positions at Walsall Council, including Business Change Manager and HR Organisational Development Manager and Learning and Development Co-ordinator. She has Non-Executive Director experience with a local charity. Her relevant skills and experience include: learning and development, project management and leadership development. She has good local knowledge.
- 3.9 In addition to the above appointments, Council is asked to note that Councillor Towe has stood down which leaves a vacancy. Therefore, Council is asked to appoint a representative to the Board for the balance of the 2017/18 municipal year.

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