

## **Area Housing Panels 19, 20, 21, 22 February 2019**

### **Election of Trustees to Brighton & Hove Seaside & Community Homes**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Two of the three trustee positions that are available for council tenants and leaseholders on the board of Brighton & Hove Seaside & Community Homes are currently vacant.
- 1.2 Area Panels were notified of this last October and those present were asked to consider whether they would like to stand for these positions. Information was also published about the vacancies in the winter edition of Homing In.
- 1.3 Information on the two residents who have put themselves forward for these vacancies is set out below.
- 1.4 Area Panel representatives will be invited to vote on these residents at the panel meeting.
- 1.5 Names of the successful candidates will then be passed to Brighton & Hove Seaside & Community Homes. Both of the candidates have indicated a willingness, if elected, to report back on their work at future panel meetings and so this could be a future agenda item.

## **Barry Hughes**

Personal statement in support of my application to become a trustee and director of Brighton & Hove Seaside Community Homes Limited.

### **Introduction**

I became a tenant of Brighton & Hove City Council in 2002 and have a flat on the Sylvan Hall Estate. Soon after taking up residency I joined the Residents' Association and in due course I was elected as Chairman, a post I continue to hold.

I spent my working life in advertising as a copywriter and for many years I was head of a multi-national group of companies. In the 1990's I had regular columns in various publications, including time as 'Hornblower' of the Evening Standard. In 1996 I was appointed as Editorial Director of The Old Museum Press and I continue to have an interest in publishing as an Editorial Consultant and ghostwriter.

For B&HCC I sit on the Tenant Editorial Board and have participated in several Focus / Task and Finish Groups – including being involved in drafting the current tenancy agreement. I am Chairman of the Tenancy & Neighbourhoods SIG, Chairman of the Central Residents Only Meeting and a representative on the Central Area Housing Management Panel.

Outside my B&HCC activities I am a trustee and director of Brighton & Hove Social Welfare and Educational Trust Limited (Resource Centre), Press Officer for Brighton & Hove Housing Coalition and Membership Secretary of Brighton and Hove Heritage Commission.

### **B&HSCH**

I have observed the development of this Local Delivery Vehicle with interest, since the idea was mooted and the first properties were allocated, up until the present time. I would welcome the opportunity to learn more and contribute to the efficient running of this important resource, providing, as it does, vital accommodation to those in need in our city.

Barry Hughes  
1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

## **David Spafford**

Personal Statement.

Application for appointment as a trustee of -

Brighton and Hove Seaside Homes

After a long career in hospitality I came to Brighton in 2003 to take up the position as Chef/ Manager at a hotel in the New Stein, and moved into my flat in Ardingly Court in 2005.

Within a week of moving in I was invited to a Residents' Association meeting and came out as Treasurer. I retired in 2016 I was able to take a bigger role in Resident Involvement, first joining Resident Inspectors, and last year voted in as Chair of the Leasehold Action Group since when I have taken part in Central Area Residents Only Meetings and Area Panel.

Seaside Homes is a Registered Charity which was set up to free capital to refurbish 499 Brighton and Hove Housing Homes and use them for temporary accommodation at sub-market rents.

When seaside Homes was set up central government was limiting the amount of money that housing could borrow to maintain its housing this 'cap' has now been lifted. Seaside Homes will not need to take over the management any more council houses, but there could be other opportunities to increase the number of homes Seaside Homes can provide in Brighton and Hove for people who need them particularly projects which are too small for 'housing' to take on, and I would like to help with this.

I would be pleased to attend Area Panels and SIG group meetings to give a reports on Seaside Homes.

