

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: ALL
REPORT TITLE Appointment of Co-opted Members to the Housing Scrutiny	
REPORT OF Director of Property Management	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Housing Scrutiny Committee	DATE 15 July 2025
SUMMARY OF REPORT This report provides information on the process of co-opting members to the Council. Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report. Contact Officer: Katie Hawthorn Housing Change and Transformation Manager 020 7974 8639	
RECOMMENDATIONS That the Housing Scrutiny Committee approves three co-opted members to join for the 2025/26 municipal year in line with the committee's recommendations set out in para 3.2.	

Signed:



Date: 3 July 2025

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Committee members on the candidates put forward by the committee to the position of co-opted members.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Council's Constitution (part 4: item 3) includes provision for co-opted members of Scrutiny committees.
- 2.2 The Constitution states that: "Each scrutiny committee shall be entitled to appoint a number of people as nonvoting co-optees. Non-Voting co-optees are members of the committees and as such count towards the quorum as part of the 'elected membership.'"
- 2.3 Housing Scrutiny Committee currently has three positions for co-opted members, this being the maximum number allowed under the Constitution.

3. Recruiting to co-opted members

- 3.1 One of the benefits of having co-opted members is that they can enable a broader discussion and an 'outside view' of services received. There is also an opportunity to draw on expertise as well as a member's lived experience. This can complement the existing skills, knowledge and experience of current Committee members.
- 3.2 The Housing Scrutiny Committee on 25th February 2025 agreed that Charles Bertlin, Larrisa Hope and Vic Seedman should be recommended to continue to fill the role of co-opted members on the committee for the 2025/26 municipal year.

4. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

- 4.1 There are no resource implications arising for the Council.

5. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising for the Council.

6. Environmental Implications

- 6.1 There are none.

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