

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: ALL
REPORT TITLE Appointment of Co-opted Members to the Housing Scrutiny	
REPORT OF Executive Director Homes and Communities	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Housing Scrutiny Committee	DATE 1 st July 2026
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT This report provides information on the process of co-opting members to the Council.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</p> <p>No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Elly Shepherd Head of Housing Policy, Performance and Assurance 02079745466</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>That the Housing Scrutiny Committee approves three co-opted members to join for the 2026/27 municipal year in line with the committee’s recommendations set out in para 3.2.</p>	



Signed:
Executive Director Homes and Communities

Date: 9th June 2026

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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