

London Borough of Lambeth Ownership and Stewardship Panel

Tenant Member Role Description

Purpose

1. To bring a Tenant's perspective to the work of the Ownership and Stewardship Panel which has the principal responsibility to:
 - make recommendations to the Cabinet about decisions it needs to take on all of Homes for Lambeth's strategic activities.
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 - whilst ensuring that at all times the Panel acts in line with the Council's stated objectives for Homes for Lambeth and in the best interests of the citizens of Lambeth.

Main Responsibilities

2. Commitment to read all papers and allow enough time for preparation prior to Panel meetings.
3. To attend the majority of regular and ad hoc Ownership and Stewardship Panel meetings and where absence is unavoidable to ensure sufficient notice is given to Lambeth and Alternate Members.
4. To participate actively at Panel meetings and work collaboratively with other Ownership and Stewardship Panel Members and Council Officers to ensure the Panel's responsibilities are met.
5. To act at all times in accordance with the agreed Code of Conduct.
6. To undertake any training necessary to assist the post holder be an effective and active member of the Panel.
7. To maintain the confidentiality of all information written and verbal designated as such by Lambeth/Homes for Lambeth and all discussion of such information during Panel meetings.

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Tenant Member Person Specification

1. Abilities and Skills

(i) *Ability to perform the individual core functions of a Panel Member:*

Able to read and absorb information on full range of the Panel's responsibilities

Ability to scrutinise proposals i.e. probe facts, challenge assumptions and identify the advantages and disadvantages of proposals.

Ability to work at a strategic level, think creatively and criticise constructively.

Good, independent judgement and a willingness to speak their mind.

Good verbal communication skills

(ii) *To be able to work as a team member*

Develop and maintain constructive working relationships with Panel colleagues and Officers

(iii) *Understanding of and commitment to supporting diversity*

Understand Equality & Diversity principles

Support for maintaining and developing a diverse community

2. Knowledge & Experience

Knowledge of Lambeth's Estate Regeneration Programme and in particular in relation to the tenant's own estate.

Desirable to have experience of serving on a Resident Engagement Panel, Tenants Association, Board or Committee.

3. Eligibility

Secure Tenant or Joint Secure Tenant of Lambeth living on one of the three leading regeneration estates: South Lambeth Estate, Westbury Estate or Knight's Walk.*

or Lifetime Assured Tenant of Homes for Lambeth.

Clear rent account and no other debt owing to Lambeth Council or Homes for Lambeth.

No history of formal action for breach of tenancy conditions, i.e. Notice of Seeking Possession, Court Action in current tenancy or any previous ones.

**(After the initial two-year period, it is intended that the roles will be open to tenants of any estate on which Homes for Lambeth is working).*