

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

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NAME OF OFFICER MAKING DECISION (INCLUDING JOB TITLE) AND THE DECISION BEING MADE	<p>Abdool Kara, Chief Executive,</p> <p>Agreement to the proposed administrative changes to the Rules of AmicusHorizon Limited (the Association) to reflect changes in the 2015 national Housing Federation Rules.</p>
TITLE OF REPORT	Administrative changes to AmicusHorizon Rules
DATE THE DECISION WAS TAKEN	15 October 2015
SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR DECISION	<p>AmicusHorizon have asked the Council, as a key stakeholder, whether it has any issues with the proposed rule changes.</p> <p>It is important for the confidence of the Association, it's Board, shareholders, and staff that it is operating in accordance with agreed best governance practice for the sector. The National Housing Federation has a significant role to play in providing assurance of the governance arrangements, and the adoption of their model rules will ensure that AmicusHorizon has a fit for purpose and updated governance framework in place.</p> <p>It would not be appropriate to allow the Association to continue to operate under outdated rules, and therefore it is proper to approve the rule changes.</p> <p>The changes are of a minor nature, and do not warrant a full Council decision-making process to be invoked.</p>
BACKGROUND	<p>AmicusHorizon's Board has approved the adoption of the new 2015 National Housing Federation Model Rules, subject to necessary third party consents and shareholder approval.</p> <p>AmicusHorizon Limited rules were last revised at amalgamation on 12 October 2009. At this point they adopted the National Housing Federation's (NHF) 2005 Model rules.</p> <p>The NHF launched new model rules for the sector in March 2015. The Federation, as sponsor for the Model Rules, revised them so they are compliant with recent legislation, good practice, and regulatory requirements. The language, order and style of the rules are intended to help shareholders, board members and staff to understand their own organisation's constitution. Much of the substance of the new rules is unchanged from earlier versions, so it is not proposed to make major changes to existing rules other than to update them to reflect the latest best practice guidance.</p>
DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	For the reasons set out above it would not be sensible to allow the Association to operate under outdated Model Rules.

DETAILS OF ANY CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN	Consultation has taken place with the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Housing who have both endorsed the approach adopted. The Director of Corporate Service and Monitoring Officer has also been consulted and has agreed the suggested way forward.
DETAILS OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS	None Identified
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