

Report – Barbican Residential Committee

Temporary Reduction in the Quorum

To be presented on Thursday, 18th July 2019

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

The Barbican Residential Committee (BRC) has experienced difficulty in recruiting non-resident Members and is currently carrying six vacancies, out of the required eleven, leaving future meetings at a high risk of being inquorate. Members of the Court are asked to consider a temporary reduction in the quorum of the BRC, from four to three non-resident Members, to ensure that a quorum can be achieved at the scheduled September and December 2019 BRC Meetings. Your Policy and Resources Committee supports this temporary reduction.

Your Policy and Resources Committees considered housing governance, including the future membership of the BRC, in March 2019 and agreed that it would be prudent to allow a reasonable amount of time for the new dispensations regime (implemented on 1 March 2019) to bed in before reviewing the position. By the end of September 2019, the new dispensations regime would have been in place for six months.

Members are asked to note that permanent changes to the structure or composition would be likely to require consultation with stakeholders, consistent with the Gunning principles, i.e. *'to take place at a formative stage, enough information and time must be given to permit intelligent consideration and response and the decision maker must conscientiously take the product of the consultation into account when reaching their decision'*.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

1. Agree to a temporary reduction to the quorum of the Barbican Residential Committee, from four to three non-resident Members, to ensure a quorum at the September and December 2019 meetings.
2. Note that the issue of future membership of the BRC will be considered, as part of the wider housing governance review, which is due to be revisited by the Policy and Resources Committee once the new dispensations regime has had sufficient time to bed in.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 17th day of June 2019.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Michael Hudson
Chairman, Barbican Residential Committee