**The Local Influence Network**

**CHAIR**

**Is this you?**

Are you passionate about ensuring the views of tenants and leaseholders are heard? Are you someone who is keen to influence the key decisions regarding their homes and the landlord services the Council provides and hold the Council to account on the performance of landlord services?

This role can only be filled by a current tenant, leaseholder or occupant of a Newark and Sherwood District Council Property. The successful applicant will ideally have:

* some knowledge of social housing with a willingness to learn more,
* an understanding of the importance of tenant involvement and engagement,
* an understanding of equality and diversity.

Also, you will have:

* good communication skills
* the confidence to speak in public
* ability to chair meetings (training will be provided)
* skills to work digitally and access meetings remotely.

**What is the role of the Local Influence Network?**

There are three Local Influence Networks (LINs) across the District, which provide an opportunity for tenants and leaseholders to raise the issues that matter to them, to be informed about up and coming opportunities and a chance to influence decision making on the housing service and provision. The three LINs are based in Newark, Sherwood and Rural. Each LIN will have a chair who will also represent their LIN on the Tenant Engagement Board.

**What is expected of the Chair?**

You would be expected to chair the local Influence Network meetings bi-monthly and to attend the subsequent Tenant Engagement Board meetings. Working alongside the Policy and Performance Improvement Committee to hold the Cabinet to account and provide the voice and views of tenants and leaseholders at the highest level of the Council. Also to review performance, identify areas for review or further scrutiny and to oversee specific work groups for areas that need tenant and leaseholder involvement e.g. reviewing the performance of a service, contributing to new service design.

The chair role would run for a term of 4 years with maximum of 2 terms.

**What is the application process?**

The application process consists of completing an expression of interest form, attending an informal briefing, and an informal interview with the Chair of the Tenant Engagement Board and Director of Housing, Health and Wellbeing if shortlisted.

**What can we offer you?**

In return for your time and experience, we offer an opportunity to network and meet new people. The chance to develop your confidence and skills whilst generating service improvements and contributing to the performance and running of landlord services by the Council.

This role will develop and enhance your existing skills, expand your knowledge of how social housing works (including its regulation) and what the Council’s mission, vision and values are.

You will be given free membership of TPAS (Tenant Participation Advisory Service) - experts in tenant engagement and training, as well as ARCH (Association of Retained Council Housing) who provides access to housing policy and discussions as well as access to an extensive training and knowledge resource centre. There will also be offers of training both in person and online. You would also attend the TPAS Tenant Conference each year.

We will pay reasonable travel expenses and provide you with digital equipment you require such as an iPad or laptop if required.