REPORT TO: BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF SANCTUARY

SCOTLAND HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR - SANCTUARY SCOTLAND

DATE OF MEETING: 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE

**CHAIRPERSON** 

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow the Board of Management the opportunity to appoint the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the coming year, in accordance with the Rules of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association Limited (Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association).

# 2. Background

2.1 The appointment of the Chairperson is specifically covered under Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association's Rules 59.5 and 59.6 which provides for a Chairperson to be elected from the Board Members on an annual basis. Rule 59.10 provides that the Chairperson must not normally hold office continuously for more than five years.

### 3. Appointment of Chairperson

3.1 Alan West was appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Management on 17 September 2019 for a first year.

# 4. Appointment of Vice Chairperson

- 4.1 Alexander Clark and j' were re-appointed as Vice Chairpersons on 17 September 2019 for a fourth year. Members will recall that the appointment of two Vice Chairpersons was considered particularly helpful following the transfer of engagements in 2016 to reflect the wider geographical spread of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association.
- 4.2 The Rules of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association do not require more than one Vice Chairperson but the Board may continue to appoint two if it is the preference to do so.

## 5. Appraisal

5.1 Risk management

- 5.1.1 RM 5 Governance; having a strong and effective Chairperson, with appropriate support, is a fundamental element of the good governance of Sanctuary Scotland Housing Association. This contributes to the mitigation of the risk associated with poor governance.
- 5.2 Impact on diversity
- 5.2.1 The election of office bearers does not, of itself, have any impact on diversity issues. The Board of Management strives to ensure that its overall membership is representative of the communities it serves.
- 5.3 Value for Money
- 5.3.1 The election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson has no impact on value for money considerations.

#### 6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Board of Management is asked to appoint:
  - A Chairperson for a twelve-month term; and
  - A Vice Chairperson/s for a twelve-month term.