

ITA update for TLCF report

The Council proposes to appoint an Independent Tenant Adviser (ITA) to review and strengthen the current resident engagement structure to ensure that it is representative, effective and makes best use of resources. This follows on from the work on resident empowerment carried out as part of the Options Appraisal in 2005.

The scope of the review will include;

- TLCF, HFTRA, the TRAs' formation and accountability and the means by which they are supported e.g. delegated budgets.
- Communication structures and methods
- The means by which resident representatives may move towards establishing a Tenant Management Board, as expressed in the conclusion of the Options Appraisal 2005.

The ITA's role will include:

- Encouraging and enabling representatives of all groups, but particularly the often-excluded groups, to participate in the Review
- Agreeing and organising a programme of training and development for resident representatives to support and equip them to participate in the Review and ongoing resident engagement
- Representing and supporting resident representatives in discussions with the Council on the review.

Housing are currently consulting HFTRA on a draft brief for appointment of the ITA and the REWG has been similarly consulted. It is proposed that both HFTRA and REWG nominate resident representatives to participate in the selection of the ITA, supported by officers. The invitation to tender will be issued within the next 4 weeks.

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