

# Somerset West and Taunton Council

## Tenant's Strategic Group Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

### Tenant's Strategic Group Election Update –\*Please note for information purposes only\*

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#### Background

The Terms of Reference for the Tenant's Strategic Group state that elections should be held every 3 years. Therefore, an election is due. In the previous meeting I gave a timeline for the election as taking place in January 2021. This timeline has changed and has now been scheduled so that the newly elected members can start in April 2021.

#### Project Timeline

Letter, Information pack & application form sent to tenants	11th January 2021
Completed application forms to be returned	8th February 2021 (1 month)
Housing Performance Team to check eligibility of applicants	11/01 until 08/02/2021
<b>If 10 or less applications, the election will not go ahead</b>	
Candidate statement & ballot paper sent to all tenants	1st March 2021
Election open for voting	01/03 until 30/03/2021
Election closes	30 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>Election to be held on 31st March 2021</b>	
Results announced	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021

#### Current update

Currently we are looking to use a third party for the ballot as our Electoral Services cannot perform this due to canvassing for the elections in May.

I have contacted Acuity, Civica and LFF Research for quotations.

Dates and the time lines may be subject to change.

#### Recommendations

To keep Tenant Strategic Group members up to date with progress at the next meeting in January 2021.

### **Going Forward**

Open for questions from the group during the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

### **Democratic Path:**

- **Scrutiny / Corporate Governance or Audit Committees – No**
- **Cabinet/Executive – No**
- **Full Council – No**

Reporting Frequency:  Once only       Ad-hoc       Quarterly  
 Twice-yearly       Annually

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