
Recommendation from the Shareholders Committee - Appointment of Shareholders Committee Representative

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Karen May
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Council Priority	Good Quality Housing
Non-Key Decision	
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that

Simon Parry, Assistant Director of Environmental and Housing Property Services be appointed as Shareholder Committee Representative.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Council's Shareholders Committee meeting held on 13th April 2026, the Interim Section 151 Officer presented a finance and governance position statement for Spadesbourne Homes Ltd (SHL). This had followed a review by the Interim Section 151 Officer supported by an independent advisor. An Action plan was developed as a consequence of this report.
- 2.2 In addition, the Assistant Director of Legal, Democratic and Procurement Services sought an external reassurance report from external solicitors.

3. OPERATIONAL DETAILS

- 3.1 The external solicitors reported that: the Council is carrying out its shareholder function effectively; it appeared adequate information is provided by Spadesbourne Homes Ltd to the Council for its oversight

function to be performed; and the minutes of the Committee reflect financial and performance reports on the activities of Spadesbourne Homes Ltd being provided on a regular basis.

- 3.2 The report made a recommendation to consider whether a Shareholder's Representative would be necessary to act as a liaison between Spadesbourne Homes Ltd and the Council as shareholder.
- 3.3 This is an option that is set out in Clause 30.8 of the Shareholder Agreement between Spadesbourne Homes Ltd and Bromsgrove District Council. It states "The Cabinet may designate an Officer that is a member of the Council's leadership team as the Shareholder Committee Representative to be a single point of contact for the Company and the Shareholder Committee and to liaise between them on a day-to-day basis and for such other purposes and with such delegated authority as the Cabinet may determine."
- 3.4 The Shareholders Committee on 30 July 2026 recommended to Cabinet that Simon Parry, Assistant Director of Environmental and Housing Property Services be appointed as Shareholder Committee Representative. Simon Parry has been attending recent meetings as a senior officer representing the Council as client representative. This decision would therefore represent a formal extension of this arrangement and ensure that a sufficiently senior officer with prior knowledge of the company can take on the role of Shareholder Committee representative.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to Bromsgrove District Council from making this appointment as it is not a paid appointment.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The appointment will strengthen the governance arrangements of Spadesbourne Homes Ltd through the provision of this liaison and critical friend role to both the Council and the Company.

OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Reorganisation Implications

- 6.1 There are no specific implications for Local Government Reorganisation.

Relevant Council Priority

- 6.2 Spadesbourne Homes Ltd contributes both to the Council's financial sustainability and to the authority's commitment to good quality housing within the District.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.3 No specific climate change implications have been identified as a direct result of this report.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.4 Spadesbourne Homes Ltd's policies and practices operate in accordance with the Council's corporate commitment to and legal obligations relating to customer service, equality and diversity.

Community Impact Implications

- 6.5 There are no specific implications for community safety or health and wellbeing.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 All trading entities involve a degree of commercial risk. The appointment of this role will enhance the existing governance action plan that is in place.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers

Spadesbourne Homes Limited Finance and Governance Update Report presented to the Shareholders Committee on 30 July 2026(includes an exempt appendix).

Shareholder Committee dated 30 July 2026 minutes.

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cabinet
2026

16 September

9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Karen May, Leader and Portfolio Holder	26/08/2026
Lead Director / Assistant Director	Guy Revans, Director	04/08/2026
Financial Services	Oluwakemi Rafuah , Finance Business Partner	05/08/2026
Legal Services	Jess Bayley-Hill, Principal Democratic Services Officer	05/08/2026