

## **Resident/Tenant Board Member**

**Voluntary + reasonable Board related expenses**

CVCH today grew out of the re-development of Castle Vale Estate which started with many tenants/residents attending a meeting with Birmingham City Council regarding getting a Housing Action Trust on Castle Vale. In 1992 the Community Action Team (CAT) was formed and worked with people of Castle Vale and various residents groups to get the best deal for the tenants and residents. They worked to get the ballot for the HAT to be accepted on Castle Vale, the ballot started on 18 March 1993 and there was a 74% turnout with an overwhelming 92% voting for the HAT to start re-development on Castle Vale. Tenants were involved with selecting partner housing associations to work with and some of these prospective tenants wrote the policies and procedures setting the standard of future services.

That history remains at the heart of CVCH, which is a 'not for profit' organisation, meaning that all money collected through rent and other charges is spent on the estate. It is as important now as it was then for our tenants to have a voice in how the money should be spent. We need to preserve what has been achieved and carry it forward for the next generation. It is important that the tenants/residents of Castle Vale pick up the baton and take us into the future to preserve the legacy.

We are looking for resident/community Board members to join our Castle Vale Community Housing Board which is responsible for the day-to-day management of the core services around housing, repairs, community safety and environmental issues at CVCH. This includes an active role in decision making and shaping the services that are important to tenants and residents.

Our CVCH Board consists of up to 10 Board members, and it is important to us that a majority are tenants and residents with direct experience of receiving our services. We hold up to 6 meetings per year and arrange at least 1 joint Board away event each year.

Board away events, development activities and training will also be arranged throughout the year.

The successful candidate will have the following essential attributes:

- A commitment to including the community, and to meeting its needs.
- The ability and willingness to learn and take a genuine interest in our work.
- The ability to make constructive contributions to discussion, and bring new perspectives and ideas.

We would specifically encourage applications from people with skills and an interest in how we can continue to improve the management of our services to meet the needs of tenants and residents of the Castle Vale estate

Meetings take place around six times per year starting in the early evening and last approximately 2 hours.

For further information or a discussion about the role, please contact Kayleigh Hall by email at [kayleigh.hall@pioneergroup.org.uk](mailto:kayleigh.hall@pioneergroup.org.uk) or email Kate Foley on [Kate.Foley@cvch.org.uk](mailto:Kate.Foley@cvch.org.uk). Alternatively please call 0121 748 8100.

Please send expressions of interest to [Kayleigh.hall@pioneergroup.org.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.hall@pioneergroup.org.uk) by 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Interviews will be held in June.