

Policy and Resources Committee

Date:	22 January 2013
Title:	Thame and District Housing Association
Purpose of the Report:	To review Membership of the Association
Contact Officer:	Helen Stewart, Town Clerk

Background

The Housing Association has about 17 current members. Each one has a share that costs £1. The £1 is not returnable if the share is given up. Members can attend the Annual Special General Meetings and vote on certain issues, such as the election of Committee members.

Thame Urban Council was issued a share on 21 December 1965, a year after the Association started but the share was relinquished on 26 March 1976. Thame Town Council took out a share on 11 July 1977. A representative for the Town Council has ever attended a meeting since the share was taken out in 1977 and it has been assumed that the membership is just a 'nominal thing'. The Town Council has never nominated anyone for the Management Committee although some councillors have been members in their own right.

Each year it is recorded that the Council has a share and the documents relating to the AGM are sent to the Town Hall.

Membership

The Committee is asked to consider the Council's membership of the Association. Continued membership will result in receiving the AGM papers every year –

- Do councillors want the papers circulated to the Committee if it remains a member? If not why remain a member?

A copy of the Financial Statement (31.03.2010) is attached as an appendix to this report as an example of the papers received each year.

Risk Appraisal

There are no risks to consider.

Legal Power: Local Government Act 1792 s137 – Expenditure for which there is no statutory power.

Recommendation:

The Committee is recommended:

- To consider the benefit of continuing membership of the Association and if of no great consequence should it save paper and costs to the Association by relinquishing it.***