

Dovecotes TMO Resident Elections Statements



AGM 2025 Resident Election Vote

All residents have the opportunity to submit their nomination to become a board member to represent the community of the estate. This elected role, ensures your voice is represented and advocates to ensure as a collective we have a greater impact in Dovecotes in both ensuring the council owned homes are managed and maintain the area we live in. This allow the TMO to provide a enhanced service above and beyond the statutory obligations of the local authority.

Candidate Profile for your Vote

Existing board member standing for re-election

Glenford Clarke

Current Role/Background:

I have been a board member for 3 years, and elected as chairperson for the past 6 months. I have always been passionate about the TMO and its mission and core values. I have lived in the area for the past 23 years and I always wanted to get involved in the community. I have gained a vast amount of leadership experience through my role as a Pastor also Equality Officer for Unison and wanted to bring those skills to have a positive impact within the community.

Why They're Standing for Election:

With proven commitment to community I will bring vision and transparency and action to the heart of our TMO as chairperson. To be open and transparent is important to me fostering trust through open and honest dialogue helps to break down those barriers that can cause major issues.

Key Areas of Interest:

- Resident-led decision making
- Responsive service
- Community growth

Sarah Handley

Current Role/Background:

I have been a board member for the past year, and elected as vice chairperson for the past 6 months.

My background is in education and pastoral care. I have lived in Dovecotes for 30 years and am proud to live here and be part of this community. I have always put the needs of the residents as my priority, listening to what is needed and advocating improvements is key to ensure as a community we continue to support and help one and other.

Why They're Standing for Election:

I am re-standing for election, as I have seen huge growth in how the TMO operates in the past year and I bring my expertise to help continue the changes as a board we have committed to delivering. I am able to support the TMO at all times of the day to allow more community activities to be delivered. My priority is to ensure all residents have opportunities to engage in the activities we as the TMO plans to deliver. I would like to ensure that every voice is heard and valued as part of the community which I am sure is important to you.

Key Areas of Interest:

- Community Engagement - to deliver activities and opportunities for all in our estate
- Environmental Improvements - a vibrant, cleaner greener estate for all
- Resident Safety - ensuring we all feel safe within our home and estate

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Jen Biddle	<p>Current Role/Background: I have been a board member for the past year, and elected as treasurer for the past 6 months. My background is in business. I have lived in Dovecotes for 17 years and am proud live here and be part of this community. I am passionate about our estate, and often litterpick the area with my husband Greg. I want to see Dovecotes thrive and become a hub for everyone. I love Dovecotes and am proud to be part of this community.</p> <p>Why They're Standing for Election: In my short time of being a board member i have helped shape positive changes for all residents. I am proud to be part of the events planning team, as community engagement and activities is integral in ensuring all of our community is included and feel welcome and supported by the TMO.</p> <p>Key Areas of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement • Environmental Improvements • Tenant Provision within their home and their community
Andrew Slater	<p>Current Role/Background: As a founding member of the TMO I have over 26 years of experience in supporting the TMO and the estate. A lot has changed in this time – all for the better of the company and the people. I have a wealth of knowledge of all things TMO related, and am keen to ensure my skills set develops with the new changes that the Social Housing Regulations brings in and are encompassed and delivered in how the TMO operates.</p> <p>Why They're Standing for Election: I will ensure the past helps shape the future for all who live in Dovecotes. To raise local pride in our community and love where we live.</p> <p>Key Areas of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legacy improvements • Community engagement • Resident Safety
Dee Williams	<p>Current Role/Background: My name is Dee, and I have lived on the estate for over 45 years. I am an owner occupier and proud to be part of such a beautiful scenic community. With the working environments that I have been a part of over the last 30 years i.e. University/School I believe that I can offer a skill set of professionalism which in turn would strategically benefit the residents of the community. I feel that it is my duty to represent and protect the interests of our community and in addition I can offer some diverse ethnic representation across the Board and therefore it would be a honour to serve as a Board Member of the TMO.</p> <p>Why They're Standing for Election: I have been a co-opted member for 6 months, and I have added value in this time. I am a experienced professional with strengths in strategic direction, corporate planning and project delivery.</p> <p>Key Areas of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement • Business change • Resident led planning
Donna Mills	<p>Current Role/Background: I have lived on Dovecotes estate since birth in 1981. I became a teaching assistant at Dovecotes Primary school until 2019. I have a bachelors degree in special needs, disability and inclusion. Since graduating I private tutor and advocate for childrens rights to help support and guide them in anyway I can. I love to learn and expand my skillset, but more importantly as a true Christian I love to give back to my community.</p> <p>Why They're Standing for Election: I would like to be elected to represent our children on the estate. To investigate and advocate for more activities locally for their involvement to enrich their life and aspire them to aim high in life.</p> <p>Key Areas of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide more youth provision • Community enrichment activities • Raising local aspirations

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Simon Blackham	<p>Current Role/Background: I have lived in Wolverhampton my whole life I moved onto the Dovecotes Estate earlier this year. . I see myself living here long term and I would like to implement improvements to make Dovecotes a safer, friendlier and cleaner and more modern place to live. For example, by encouraging more proactive approach to repairs maintenance and modernisation of properties on the estate rather than wait for things to break.</p> <p>Why They're Standing for Election: I want to stand on the dovecotes board to offer a fresh pair of eyes and apply my problem solving and management skills from working in the automotive steel industry to benefit Dovecotes. I would like to help develop a sense of community by listening to resident ideas and opinions as I'm being open to suggestions to help Dovecotes better for everyone.</p> <p>Key Areas of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Improvement • Environmental Improvements • Resident Safety
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New Nominations for election - 2 seats

Elaine Price	<p>Current Role/Background: I previously worked for the NHS and in education, but for past few years I've been a full-time carer for my family members as well as dealing with my own health and disabilities. I would say I have become so much of an advocate for all these things and the difficulties surrounding them. I like to keep up to date with the latest SEND and disability information, the 'WASS' and 'Wolverhampton carers team'. I am currently and have been for the past two years now an active member of the 'Wolverhampton City Housing Oversight Panel' which has given me a lot of knowledge of everything housing and tenant related and other council matters. I regularly attend the 'Love Your Community' meetings and like to keep up to date with everything that is going on locally within the Wolverhampton area, as well as what is available love for local people and residents of Wolverhampton. I'm a friendly, social, dedicated person but I would love to say my best asset is that I care about people. I care about our estate and what happens locally and I care about the City of Wolverhampton. I am a firm believer not being happy in your home is not just about inside your home but also what is going on outside your home.</p> <p>Why They're Standing for Election: I would love to see the Dovecotes estate grow from strength to strength but most importantly I would love to bring back a good old fashioned community spirit and neighbourly friendship where everyone feels safe and heard and we all lookout for each other and we all care and take pride in our community. I would love to see a fairer housing policy where every resident /tenant housing needs are met.</p> <p>Key Areas of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Community Engagement • Resident Welfare • Transformational Change
David Guthrie	<p>Current Role/Background: As a resident of Dovecotes Estate for over 40 years I have seen many changes from practically a building site to what it is today. I have worked in both the social housing sector and public sector as a Housing Services Manager, a Neighbourhood Officer and most recently a Community Housing Officer with Dudley MBC.</p> <p>Why They're Standing for Election: I have vast experience in all aspects of housing management and enforcement and have worked alongside external bodies such as the police, fire and ambulance services adult and children services plus many more. I feel that this experience will add value to be a board member and I'm bringing fresh ideas to the table will be a valuable asset.</p> <p>Key Areas of Interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing provision

How to vote for your choice



Voting at a TMO AGM with a Voting Card

All nominees that have submitted an application to join the board are required to be vetted to guarantee due diligence has been conducted ensuring we comply with our constitution.

1. Registration on Arrival

- Upon arrival at the AGM, sign in at the registration desk.
- You'll be given a voting card—this confirms your eligibility to vote as a member of the TMO

2. Understanding the Voting Card

- The card may be color-coded or numbered to help identify voters.
- It will typically include your name or membership number and may have boxes or spaces for marking your vote.

3. During the Meeting

- When it's time to vote on motions (e.g. electing board members, approving reports, or other decisions), the Chair will announce the vote.
- You'll be asked to raise your voting card to indicate your choice (e.g. "For", "Against", or "Abstain").

4. Counting the Votes

- Designated staff will count the raised cards and record the results.
- In some cases, votes may be collected in writing using the card, especially for secret ballots.

6. Results

- The Chair will announce the outcome of each vote during the meeting.
- Final results may also be published in meeting minutes or newsletters.

Vote For	raise your voting card when the facilitator asks if you would like to vote for the the motion in question
Vote Against	raise your voting card when the facilitator asks if you do not want to vote for the the motion in question
Abstain - No Vote	raise your voting card when the facilitator asks if you want to abstain from the for the the motion in question