

BNCHA proposed rule change

To be discussed at Special General Meeting on 6th May 2022

The BNCHA committee wants to make sure it can continue to provide tenants with quality services, homes and community. BNCHA's current rules state that all committee members have to restand for election every year. The committee is proposing to BNCHA members that it is pointless to train up committee members to do a good job for tenants if they could be removed every year at the Annual General Meeting.

Therefore, the committee has taken legal advice from BNCHA's solicitors and is proposing a rule change to members which will ensure that:

- The current seven committee members will all remain in post for a period of three years from the September 2021 Annual General Meeting
- After that, each year a third of the committee would stand down and their places would be available for election
- The remaining five places on the committee will be available for other members to put themselves forward for election to the committee (as is the case now).

The exact text of the proposed change to the rules is as follows:

Amendment of Rule 51 to:

At every annual general meeting of the Co-operative one-third or the nearest number thereto of committee members for the time being shall retire from office. The committee members to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since they last became committee members, but as between persons who became committee members on the same day those to retire shall be chosen by lot. A retiring committee member shall be eligible for re-election but must be duly nominated as provided for in rules entitled 'Committee Nominations.'

Addition of a temporary Rule 131:

From the date of registration of this rule until the annual general meeting in 2024 rule 51 shall not apply. Prior to the annual general meeting in 2024 the committee will determine by lots or by some other method chosen by the committee which committee members shall serve a further two-year period of office, which shall serve a further one-year period of office and which shall retire from office at the 2024 annual general meeting. This rule shall have no other effect.

The Special General Meeting to discuss this proposed rule change/addition will take place on **6th May 2022 (7pm)** at the **Maher Centre 15 Ravensbridge**

Drive, Leicester LE4 OBZ. We hope you will come along and support your committee for this important rule change.