

Lewisham Tenants Fund (LTF)

Director Role Description

About the Role

Lewisham Tenants Fund Directors play a vital role in supporting and strengthening tenant participation across the London Borough of Lewisham. Directors help shape the strategic direction of the organisation and ensure good governance.

LTF provides independent funding and support to help tenants and residents have a strong voice in the management and improvement of their homes and communities.

This is a voluntary role that offers an opportunity to support Tenants' and Residents' Associations (TRAs) while developing valuable skills, knowledge, and experience.

Eligibility

To become a Director of Lewisham Tenants Fund, you must:

- Be a secure council tenant of the London Borough of Lewisham.
- Notify the Fund if your tenancy status changes and you no longer meet this requirement.

Directors are expected to act in the best interests of Lewisham Tenants Fund as a whole, rather than representing the interests of a specific tenant or residents' group. Where a conflict of interest arises, Directors must declare this and withdraw from any related discussions or decisions.

Key Responsibilities

As a Director, you will work collectively with other Board members to:

Governance and Compliance

- Ensure the organisation complies with its governing document, company law, and relevant legislation or regulations.
- Ensure the organisation works towards its stated aims and objectives.
- Ensure the organisation's resources are used appropriately and only in support of its objectives.

Strategic Leadership

- Help set the strategic direction of the organisation.
- Contribute to the development of policies, goals, and priorities.

Financial Oversight

- Oversee the proper management and use of the organisation's funds and assets.
- Support effective budgeting and financial planning.

Supporting the Organisation

- Safeguard and promote the reputation, values, and interests of Lewisham Tenants Fund.
 - Support the effective and efficient administration of the organisation.
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Additional Contributions

Directors are encouraged to contribute their individual skills, knowledge, and experience to strengthen the work of the organisation. This may include:

- Reviewing and scrutinising committee papers and reports.
 - Leading or contributing to discussions and decision-making.
 - Supporting new projects and initiatives.
 - Sharing specialist knowledge or lived experience.
 - Helping the organisation respond creatively and effectively to challenges and opportunities.
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Person Specification

We are looking for people who are:

- Willing to dedicate the necessary time and effort to the role — committee meetings take place four times a year.
 - Able to think strategically and make balanced decisions.
 - Confident in expressing independent views and contributing to discussions.
 - Good team players who can work collaboratively and respectfully.
 - Interested in learning about governance, leadership, and organisational development.
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Benefits of Volunteering as an LTF Director

Volunteering as a Director can provide many personal and professional benefits, including:

- Developing leadership, governance, and decision-making skills.
- Gaining experience in committee work and strategic planning.
- Building confidence in public speaking and communication.
- Enhancing your CV and supporting future employment or volunteering opportunities.
- Making a meaningful contribution to your local community and improving tenant representation.

Training and support will be available to help Directors carry out their role effectively.