Shared Ownership Resources

We are seeking a strategic and inclusive Chair to lead the Board of Trustees through an exciting period of development and growth for Shared Ownership Resources.

Shared Ownership Resources launched in 2021 to champion the best interests of shared owners, people considering the scheme, and anyone who's inherited a shared ownership home. We publish case studies; collaborate with housing, legal and financial experts to offer specialist information and signposting; advocate reform to drive better outcomes; and campaign for improved transparency and against mis-selling and other poor practices in the sector.

In March 2026, Shared Ownership Resources registered with the Charity Commission as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). In the same month, we were awarded an MHCLG Social Housing Innovation Fund grant (in partnership with the Places Foundation (the charitable arm of Places for People), for a one-year pilot to develop the project as 'a national voice for shared owners'.

CHAIR: Role Description

The Chair will play a pivotal role in shaping our future strategy and strengthening our influence and impact with government, regulators, the social housing sector and other key stakeholders in championing the interests of shared owners, people considering shared ownership, and those who have inherited shared ownership homes.

Success in this role means strong collaborative governance, dynamic leadership through a start-up phase to ongoing financial sustainability, and enhanced visibility of our work.

In addition to the general responsibilities of a Trustee, duties of the chair include the following:

- Guiding Shared Ownership Resources through growth as a newly established CIO, to deliver strategic objectives.
- Providing leadership to the CIO and the Board, ensuring that everyone remains focused on the delivery of the CIO's charitable purposes to provide greater public benefit.
- Fostering a collaborative, transparent, and engaged Board of Trustees
- Chairing and facilitating four board meetings per year, and any ad-hoc meetings, ensuring inclusive and constructive discussion.
- Directing board policy making.
- Checking that decisions taken at meetings are implemented.
- Acting as an ambassador for Shared Ownership Resources, raising profile amongst shared owners and potential entrants to the scheme, and building key stakeholder relationships.
- Ensuring the CIO meets its legal, financial and strategic responsibilities

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- Planning the annual cycle of quarterly board meetings and any other meetings as required.
- Setting agendas for meetings.

- Developing the Board of Trustees. This includes identifying skills gaps, recruitment, induction, training, appraisal and succession planning.
- Addressing any conflicts within the board and the organisation.

Person specification

- Experience chairing boards or serving as a Trustee (charity or business sectors).
- Strong strategic leadership and organisational development skills.
- Excellent communication, facilitation, and stakeholder engagement abilities.
- Experience of governance and financial oversight.
- Commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.

Other

Shared Ownership Resources is a shared-owner-led project. Consequently, experience of being a shared owner is desirable (but not necessarily essential).

We would welcome proposals from applicants with relevant experience and expertise to Co-Chair with a lived experience shared owner, or former shared owner.

This is a voluntary role. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed.

For more information about the role, contact Sue Phillips at: info@sharedownershipresources.org