

Mike O'Driscoll- why I am running for Chair of CBWRA

### **Right to Manage**

**We need Right to Manage as soon as possible.** For those who are not aware, RTM refers to the process whereby residents take over management of their development from the freeholder and acquire the right to hire/fire the managing agent.

While on the committee (most of 2021) the position of the 'leadership' was that RTM was not possible until reforms to leasehold law. I got independent advice showing this was not the case, in Dec 2021 and the official position then became 'we can't do RTM because of the judgment of 'First Port V Settlers Court' and that we could get the same results as RTM through 'retendering the management contract'. **As recently as May 2022 (CBWRA newsletter) the current Chair stated in terms that RTM was not an option at CBW.**

Further independent advice which I obtained from Canonbury estate management (June 2022) **showed the judgement of First Port v Settlers Court was irrelevant to CBW and the retendering of the management contact failed in Sep.2022 (as I predicted on day one).**

Two years down the line, the Chair/committee now accept RTM is possible, and are using advice from Canonbury but **I have no confidence in the current leadership/committee to deliver RTM on any meaningful scale or in a timely way.**

### **Governance**

There are many areas of CBWRA governance which need reform, including the constitution, election processes, transparency on finances and resident consultation **but above all we need to detoxify the CBW app. I have spoken to many residents who are genuinely afraid to ask even the most basic questions for fear of being attacked or having their app account closed: this must stop.** Please see my 'further information' document (i.e. manifesto for detailed proposals).

