

# Birmingham City Council

## Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**Subject:** Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference

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### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 To note the Terms of Reference for the Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in 3.2 below.

### **3 The Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference**

- 3.1 The Terms of Reference below were approved at the Annual City Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. This sets out the remit of the work for this committee.
- 3.2 To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:
- Council Housing management services, repairs and maintenance programmes.
  - Best use of housing stock across all housing providers.
  - Neighbourhood management initiatives and the housing growth agenda (Birmingham Social Housing Partnership).
  - Private rented sector, licensing and regulation.
  - Tenancy engagement in the management and development of social housing and Housing Liaison Boards.
  - Exempt accommodation.
  - Housing Options for vulnerable adults, children, young people and offenders.
  - Temporary accommodation provision.
  - Homelessness and rough sleeping.
  - Supply of homes to meet housing need.

## **4 Any Finance Implications**

4.1 No direct financial implications resulting from this report.

## **5 Any Legal Implications**

5.1 No direct legal implications resulting from this report.

## **6 Any Equalities Implications**

6.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

6.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: how policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

## **7 Appendices**

7.1 None.