

# Housing and City Development Scrutiny Committee

## 18 December 2023

### Committee Terms of Reference

#### Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

#### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To note that, at its meeting on 13 November 2023, the full City Council added additional wording to the Committee's Terms of Reference to help support the Council's delivery of the new requirements of the Social Housing Regulation Act 2023.

#### **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the addition of the following wording to the 'Purpose' section (point (g)) of its Terms of Reference: "regarding housing, contribute towards providing assurance and oversight of the Council's statutory responsibilities in the context of regulatory compliance and tenant satisfaction."

#### **3 Background information**

- 3.1 Following the passing of the Social Housing Regulation Act 2023, local authorities with housing management and maintenance responsibilities must provide assurance and oversight of regulatory compliance and tenant satisfaction.
- 3.2 As a Scrutiny body with a key function in the oversight of Housing services it is important that the Committee plays a role in this, so the Terms of Reference have been updated accordingly (following consultation with the Committee at its meeting on 18 September 2023).
- 3.3 Further consideration is being given to how the Council's governance arrangements for housing can support the delivery of the requirements of the Act, including the potential appointment of co-optees to the Committee. The ability to appoint co-opted members is provided for already under Article 11 of the Council's Constitution, but further amendments to the Committee's Terms of Reference and other sections of the Constitution may be proposed in due course as discussions about oversight and governance progress.

#### **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Terms of Reference: Housing and City Development Scrutiny Committee

**5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1 None

**6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 Report to and minutes of the Housing and City Development Scrutiny Committee meeting held on [18 September 2023](#)

6.2 Report to and minutes of the City Council meeting held on [13 November 2023](#)

6.3 [Nottingham City Council's Constitution](#), Article 9 and Article 11

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

**8 Contact information**

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