

To: Cabinet
Date: 14 June 2023
Report of: Housing and Homelessness Panel
Title of Report: Tenancy Agreement

Summary and recommendations	
Purpose of report:	To present Panel of the Scrutiny Committee recommendations for Cabinet consideration and decision
Key decision:	No
Scrutiny Lead Member:	Cllr Paula Dunne, Panel Chair
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Linda Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing
Corporate Priority:	Deliver more, affordable housing; Support thriving communities
Policy Framework:	Council Strategy 2020-24
Recommendation: That the Cabinet states whether it agrees or disagrees with the recommendations in the body of this report.	

Appendices	
Appendix A	Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee

Introduction and overview

1. The Housing and Homelessness Panel met on 24 April 2023 to consider a report on the revised Tenancy Agreement for Council tenants. The report sought to inform panel members of the proposed changes to the updated Tenancy Agreement for secure and introductory Council tenants. The report recommended that the Panel consider the report and agree any recommendations.

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2. The Panel was grateful to Cllr Linda Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing; Nerys Parry, Head of Housing Services; Bill Graves, Landlord Services Manager; and Amie Rickatson, Strategy and Service Development Manager, for attending to

present the report and to answer the Panel's questions.

3. The Panel was advised that the approval of the revised agreement was a decision delegated to officers, but there was consensus on the benefits of it being considered by the Panel.
4. The Landlord Services Manager introduced the report and explained that the Tenancy Agreement had not been revised since 2014, largely owing to the challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. The new agreement took account of various legislative changes and expectations since then.
5. The Panel established that good practice was to consider revising a tenancy agreement every five years. The Panel considered it would be to the benefit of the Council and its tenants, should the Council commit to considering whether a revision of the agreement was necessary every three years.

Recommendation 1: That the Council considers every three years if it would be appropriate to revise the tenancy agreement.

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