Appendix A Draft Cabinet response to recommendations of the Housing and Homelessness Panel of the Scrutiny Committee

The document sets out the draft response of the Cabinet Member to recommendations made by the Housing and Homelessness Panel on 7 November 2024 concerning the Furnished Tenancy Scheme. The Cabinet is asked to amend and agree a formal response as appropriate.

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1) That the Council further explores opportunities to establish more formalised relationships with local charities and organisations to enhance the reuse and recycling of used furniture under the Furnished Tenancy Scheme, with the goal of reducing waste by extending life of furniture items that may still hold value for temporary housing or community projects.	Agree	The team already makes every effort to reuse and recycle furniture, but we agree formalised and better established relationships with local charities and organisations in the City could further increase this. The team will take this forward in the coming weeks and seek to have these enhanced relationships in place for when the new FT contract comes into place.

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