

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board

Date: 24 June 2014

Subject: Protocol between the Tenant Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration)

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	🗌 Yes	🛛 No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	🗌 Yes	🛛 No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	Yes	🛛 No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	🗌 Yes	🛛 No

Summary of main issues

1. This report presents the protocol concerning the relationship between the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board and the Tenant Scrutiny Board for Members' information.

Recommendation

2. Members are requested to note the Protocol.

1.0 Purpose of this report

1.1 This report presents the protocol concerning the relationship between the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board and the Tenant Scrutiny Board. A copy of the Protocol is attached at Appendix 1.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 In November 2013 the Scrutiny Board received a report on the establishment of a single Tenant Scrutiny Board for Leeds, following the reintegration of housing management within the council.
- 2.2 The importance of the relationship between the Tenant Scrutiny Board and the Housing and Regeneration Board was stressed and members were invited to comment on a draft protocol to guide that relationship.
- 2.3 In particular Members emphasised the need to publicise the work of tenant scrutiny, and the importance of having a good range of people on the Tenant Scrutiny Board.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the minutes of the Tenant Scrutiny Board and the ongoing work programme will be reported to the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board on a regular basis, as part of the work programme agenda item. Minutes of the Board's first meeting on 16 April 2014 are attached as Appendix 2.

3.0 Corporate Considerations

Consultation and Engagement

3.1 The Leeds Tenants Federation was consulted on the draft protocol and the Chairs of the three previous Tenant Scrutiny Panels. The Tenant Scrutiny Board considered and approved the protocol in April 2014.

Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.

3.2 There are no issues for Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.

Council Policies and City Priorities

3.3 The development of the Tenant Scrutiny Board is in line with Council policies and will help support City Priorities by ensuring there is a high quality Council Housing offer in the city.

Resources and Value for Money

3.4 This report has no specific resource and value for money implications.

Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

3.5 The development of the single Tenant Scrutiny Board is in line with The Regulatory Framework for Social Housing 2012 and the Localism Act 2011.

Risk Management

3.6 This report has no risk management implications

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Members are requested to note the Protocol.

5.0 Background documents¹

5.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.