

**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**  
**Report to the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**

**Subject: Review of wider tenant involvement groups – Scrutiny working group summary note**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Purpose of this report**

1. During its October 2016 meeting, the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board discussed the role of the Tenant Scrutiny Board and sought further clarification surrounding its governance and support arrangements. This information was provided to the Board at its January 2017 meeting.
2. In addition, the Board also received information regarding the Housing Leeds Tenant Involvement Framework which gives tenants the opportunity to take part in a range of formal groups, each with a particular theme or focus. Key parts of this framework included the strategic tenant body VITAL (Voice of Involved Tenants across Leeds) and the local Housing Advisory Panels. However, it was noted that the Tenant Scrutiny Board works independently to the rest of the involvement framework.
3. In consideration of this, the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Board identified the need to ensure a more coordinated approach to wider tenant involvement and therefore expressed a wish to set up a working group meeting to review the role of wider tenant involvement groups, with specific reference to the Housing Leeds Tenant Involvement Framework. At that stage, it was also reported that Housing Leeds was undertaking a review of the Tenant Involvement Framework with VITAL.
4. The Scrutiny Board held its working group meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and considered the role, membership and governance arrangements linked to the various Housing Leeds tenant involvement groups/forums. The working group also received an update

following the Housing Leeds/Vital review which had led to a revised Tenant Engagement Framework.

5. A summary note setting out the key issues arising from this working group meeting is attached for the Board's consideration. This summary note also presents proposed recommendations stemming from the working group's discussions for the Scrutiny Board's consideration and agreement.

### **Recommendations**

6. Members are asked to consider the key issues and proposed recommendations set out within the attached working group summary note and formally agree the Board's recommendations in relation to this piece of Scrutiny work.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7. None used.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.