

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

04 April 2024

### Report of the Director of Planning, Housing & Environment Health

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet

### **1 HOUSING ASSOCIATION PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK**

#### **1.1 Current position**

- 1.1.1 Clarion attended a meeting of this committee on 14 September 2023. They presented a detailed performance update on all aspects of their work in the borough, including repairs, maintenance, rent management, tenant engagement, major works and voids.
- 1.1.2 Reviewing the Council's approach to a Housing Association Performance Framework is an identified action in the Council's Housing Strategy Action Plan for Year 2.

#### **1.2 The Councils' Housing Association Performance Framework**

- 1.2.1 A proposed Framework is attached to this report at Annex 1. It covers the data we will request from our largest Registered Providers, the steps we will put in place to review our nominations agreements with all RPs and how the Housing Association Liaison Panel could be utilised to ensure Member engagement in this programme of work.
- 1.2.2 As discussed previously with Members, given the size of Clarion's portfolio in the borough, the way that the Council engages with them will necessarily be different than with other Registered Providers. This is reflected in the attached Framework proposal with a specific section on a meeting programme with Clarion.

#### **1.3 Legal Implications**

- 1.3.1 Councils have no formal power to scrutinise Housing Associations – this lies with the Regulator of Social Housing.

#### **1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.4.1 There are no direct financial implications from the proposals in this report

## **1.5 Risk Assessment**

- 1.5.1 Although the Council has no formal powers to scrutinise Housing Associations, ensuring that the Council is apprised of their performance and assess any potential impacts this may have on the Council's activity or on its residents. This will need to be done on an ongoing basis.

## **1.6 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 1.6.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

## **1.7 Policy Considerations**

- 1.7.1 Community

## **1.8 Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to;

- 1.8.1 RECOMMEND the Housing Association Performance Framework to Cabinet for adoption

Background papers:

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Nil

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