Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee   **1 February 2024**

44.   Tenancy Policy

Paula Burton, Acting Assistant Director, Housing Management:

a) presented at Appendix 1 to her report, the contents of the City of Lincoln Council's (CoLC's) Tenancy Policy for members consideration prior to its implementation and publication

b) reported that it was a requirement under the Localism Act 2011 for each local authority to produce a Tenancy Strategy, also all Registered Providers must publish a Tenancy Policy that aligned with the Tenancy Strategy; the Council as a Registered Provider was required to produce and publish a Tenancy Policy

c) advised that the Tenancy Policy specified the different types of tenancies, licences and non-secure tenancies to be granted to new and existing Council tenants and provided a framework for which tenancies the Council would grant and the exceptions to granting the most secure form of tenure

d) highlighted that the policy ensured the tenancy granted was compatible with the purpose of the accommodation provided, considered the housing needs of individuals and households, sustainability of the community and made best use of housing stock

e) referred to the main content of the policy which the following areas:

- Introductory tenancies
- Secure tenancies
- Non-secure tenancies
- The use of Licenses
- The use of Demoted tenancies
- The use of Family Intervention tenancies
- Granting of joint tenancies, succession and assignments
- New tenancy process

f) requested members consideration of the Tenancy Policy prior to implementation and publication.

Members discussed the content of the report in further detail.

Members queried how many non-secure tenancies were in existence?

Officers advised that non-secure tenancies were given for a temporary period and therefore did not have the rights of secure tenancies. The number of non-secure tenancies would be reported back to members under separate cover.

RESOLVED that the Tenancy Policy be agreed and forwarded to Executive for approval prior to publication.