

**Decision under Delegated Powers**  
**Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)**  
**Consultations for 2018-2019**

**Officer Requesting Decision**

Beverly Wagstaffe, Housing Strategy and Support Manager

**Officer Making the Decision**

Alison Simmons, Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing

**Recommendation**

1. That the Council notes that the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing has responded to the 4 MHCLG consultations as set out in the background section during 2018-2019.

**Reason**

1. To ensure that the Council's views are considered by the MHCLG when developing national policies which may affect the residents of the Borough of Charnwood.

**Authority for Decision**

Under section 8.2 of the Constitution the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing has delegated authority to respond to consultation documents in relation to those Council functions for which she has responsibility, in consultation with the relevant Lead Member.

**Decision and Date**



Alison Simmons  
Head of Strategic and  
Private Sector Housing

24th June 2019

## **Background**

During 2018-2019 the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has consulted on the following papers, which the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing as responded to in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing and in conjunction with the Head of Landlord Services and the Council's Group Accountant as appropriate.

1. Overcoming the Barriers to Longer Tenancies in the Private Rented Sector - consultation lasted for 8 weeks, closing 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The paper considered proposals to increase security for tenants in the private rented sector while balancing landlords' needs to regain their properties when their circumstances change.
2. Use of Receipts from Right to Buy Sales - consultation lasted for 8 weeks, closing 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The paper considered views on options to change the rules governing the money from Right to Buy to make it easier for councils to build more homes. In addition, the paper sought views on whether the commitment that every additional home sold be replaced on a one-for-one bases nationally should be retained, or reformed to focus on the wider supply of social and affordable housing.
3. A New Deal for Social Housing - consultation lasted for 12 weeks closing 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The paper proposes fundamental reform to ensure social homes provide an essential, safe and well-managed service for all those who need it. In addition, consideration is given to the relationship between residents and landlords to ensure issues are resolved swiftly, and residents' voices are heard.
4. Improving Access to Social Housing for Members of the Armed Forces – consultation lasted for 8 weeks closing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The paper proposes for new statutory guidance for local authorities to assist members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their families, to access social housing.

## **Risk Management**

No risks have been identified with this decision.

**Key Decision:** No

**Background Papers:** None