

Report to:	APPEALS COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	<p>Mark Towers, Director of Governance and Partnerships (Co-ordination for the review)</p> <p>John Donnellon, Chief Executive, Blackpool Coastal Housing (Written information for the review)</p>
Date of Meeting:	23 January 2017

INTRODUCTORY TENANCY REVIEW

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider a request by a tenant for a review of the decision to issue a Notice of Proceedings for Possession under the provisions of the Housing Act 1996 (Part V).

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To determine the request for a review.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 Once an application for a review has been received the application and any relevant representation must be considered by the Appeals Committee.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

There are no alternative options as the review must be considered by the Appeals Committee.

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 Introductory (Probationary) Tenancies have been adopted for all new tenants for the first twelve months of their tenancies. Where a Notice of Proceedings for Possession (NOPP) has been issued, in the case of anti-social behaviour, or a combination of anti-social behaviour and rent arrears, the responsibility for determining the review falls to this Committee.
- 5.2 Following the service of a Notice of Proceedings for Possession, a request has now been received from the respective tenant concerned, for a review to be considered. Details of the requests for a review, together with the report of the Blackpool Coastal Housing are attached at Appendix 4(a).
- 5.3 A review may be undertaken in writing, unless otherwise requested by the tenant. Therefore, all tenants upon whom a notice has been served are requested to indicate whether they wish the review to be conducted in writing or by means of an oral hearing. The tenant has indicated that he would like a review. At the time of writing the report, he had not indicated if he would be in attendance at the meeting.
- 5.4 The Chief Executive of Blackpool Coastal Housing or his representative will be in attendance.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

Yes

List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a): Review Papers (Not for publication)

6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 The Head of Legal Services will be represented at the meeting to advise on policy and procedure only and has not been involved in any of the decisions taken previously.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

- 7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

- 9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Exempt.