

Berneslai Homes Audit & Risk Committee 15th August 24 – Meeting Summary:

External Audit Report to Management

External Audit presented their Draft Audit Completion Report, which summarised the results from the completion of the planned audit approach for the Year ended 31 March 2024, together with specific audit findings. There were no significant changes to the planned audit approach and no additional significant audit risks have been identified.

The Committee expressed their satisfaction with the External Audit Report to Management.

Annual Risk Management Report

The Committee noted the comprehensive report and recommended that the Risk Management Annual Report for 2023-24 and proposed 2024-2025 Action Plan be referred for approval by Berneslai Homes Board.

Annual Governance Statement

Committee recommended the referral of the Annual Governance Statement and the Senior Information Risk Owner Annual Report for approval by Berneslai Homes Board and the Modern Slavery Statement for signature by the Board Chair.

Berneslai Homes Ltd Report and Accounts

Committee recommended the referral of Berneslai Homes Limited Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st March 2024 for approval by Berneslai Homes' Board, subject to the completion of the two outstanding issues.

Repairs First Lessons Learned

Committee received a presentation which provided an overview of the lessons learned from the implementation and delivery of Phase 1 of the Repairs First Project. Information was provided on specific areas in relation to the understanding of system capabilities, project planning, contractual issues, leadership, testing and implementations. General lessons learned were in relation to improved communications across departments and the establishment of a Transformation Project Board. Whilst lessons had been learned the achievement on implementation of the Repairs First system was acknowledged and the approach to be adopted for future phases of the project.

Committee noted the comprehensive presentation and thanked all involved in the implementation and delivery of the project.

Appointment of External Auditors

The Committee received a report requesting Committee's approval to extend the External Auditor's contract for a further year to cover the period 2024/25. This extension allows adequate time for a procurement exercise to be carried out for External Auditor services for 2025/26.

The Committee approved the extension of the External Auditor's contract for a further year.