



WHEATLEY HOUSING GROUP LIMITED

GROUP AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTE OF MEETING

held on 13 November 2024 at 1.30pm

New Mart Road, Edinburgh

Present: Caroline Gardner (Chair), Alison McLaughlin, Maureen Dowden, Iain Macaulay, David Rockliff and Allan Clow.

In attendance: Anthony Allison (Group Director of Governance and Business Solutions), Ranald Brown (Director of Assurance), Steven Henderson (Group Chief Executive) and Pauline Turnock (Group Director of Finance).

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence from Committee members. It was noted that Michael Wilkie (KPMG) and Duncan Black (Glasgow City Council) were unable to attend.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of Audit Committee meeting of 14 August 2024 and matters arising

Decided: The Committee approved the minutes of 14 August 2024.

4. Risk Management update

The Committee was provided with an update on the proposed changes to the Strategic Risk Register.

The Committee discussed the risk in relation to our ability to meet legislative requirements for energy efficiency. It was agreed that as key driver of the risk was the costs and associated business plan capacity rather than a technical issue that the risk commentary and mitigations should be refined to reflect this.

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The Committee discussed the risks arising from the UK Budget and it was explained that we were currently reviewing the impact, particularly in relation to National Insurance costs and the potential impact on our future rent setting and supply chain costs.

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Decided: The Committee noted the report

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6. Group Assurance update

The Committee were provided with an update on the delivery of the Internal Audit Plan and the findings from the reviews completed since the previous meeting.

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The Committee discussed our approach to data assurance more widely and it was agreed an update on our approach be brought back to a future meeting.

Decided: The Committee noted the report.

7. Rolling Internal Audit Plan

The Committee were provided with an update on the internal audit plan and noted the proposed reviews for the next reporting period.

The Committee discussed the planned review focus during the upcoming period with the remainder of the time focused on risk management, data analytics and quarterly follow-up of management actions.

Decided: The Committee noted the report and approved the rolling internal audit plan.

8. Grenfell Inquiry Findings

The Committee were provided with a summary of the key findings and themes from the Grenfell Inquiry Phase 2 report and our position in relation to each.

The Committee noted the key elements of our approach to fire safety in high-rise buildings and the actions we have taken to further strengthen our approach to fire prevention and mitigation in high-rise buildings.

The Committee recognised the range of oversight and scrutiny within our governance structure which affirms fire safety continues to be a top priority across the Group.

Decided: The Committee

- 1) Noted the contents of the report and our strong culture of fire safety.**
- 2) Noted that inspections of flat front doors will move from annual to six-monthly from 1 April 2025.**
- 3) Noted that we continue to apply Scottish Government guidance in respect of PEEPs in multi-storey flats, but that we will explore what further measures might be practicable in conjunction with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.**
- 4) Noted that, in the event of three no-access visits for flat door inspections in multi-storey flats, we will move to a forced access process.**

9. AOCB

There was no other competent business.

Signature: **Chair**

Date: