

Introduction of Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 noted.

4 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025, advising

- (1) that the Housing (Scotland) Bill was informed by significant public and stakeholder engagement and had been passed by the Scottish Parliament on 30th September 2026, with the Bill having received Royal Assent on 6th November 2025;
- (2) that the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 made provision about housing, including rent and rent control in the Private Rented Sector, evictions and damages for unlawful evictions, tenants keeping pets and making changes to let property, matters related to tenants including measures to address damp, homelessness prevention duties and other housing matters, including mobile homes, fuel poverty and the new homes Ombudsman;
- (3) of the 8 parts to the Act, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the Act was intended to improve the experience of people who lived mainly in rented accommodation or faced homelessness and enhanced their rights, with a number of the measures in the Act having a direct or indirect impact on local government resources;
- (5) that as the Scottish Government progressed the implementation of the Act, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability would continue to support discussion on and development of specific provisions, with particular interest in areas of the Act impacting on the statutory duties of local authorities, as detailed in the report; and
- (6) of the next steps.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the passing of the Bill for the Housing (Scotland) Act 2025; and
- (b) the key considerations and next steps to be taken as regulations and guidance were developed and the provision within the Act commenced.