

<b>TENANTS FORUM</b>	Agenda Item
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	<b>8(i)</b>

## Feedback from Association of Retained Council Housing (ARCH) Tenants Conference

This report provides an introduction to the ARCH Tenants Conference, attended by tenant representatives in September 2016.

The agenda item is for information and will be presented by a number of Tenants who attended the conference. There will be opportunity for discussion.

### INTRODUCTION

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ARCH (Association of Retained Council Housing) is an association of councils in England who have retained ownership and management of their council homes, which:

**Represents** collective interests of retained stock councils

**Lobbies government** for a strong retained stock sector

**Promotes** best practice

**Listens** to the views of tenants

As a member of ARCH, five tenants were invited to attend the annual tenants' conference.

### REPORT

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Thank you to the following tenants who attended the conference:

Martyn Lund (Martyn is a member of the ARCH Tenants Group)

Lynne Lund

Sue Shipham

Brent Woodford

Jim French

Tenants attending the conference will provide feedback on their learning from the day to the Forum. To include:

Keynote Speech: 'How cuts to councils contractors repairs and maintenance services impacts on tenants'

Workshops attended:

1. Lifetime Tenancies
2. Welfare Reform
3. Pay to Stay, Right to Buy and Sale of High Value Housing Assets

## **NEXT STEPS**

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A suggestion that the Forum may like to receive updates from ARCH via the Tenants Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as appropriate.

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