



## SCRUTINY ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING	INTERNAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	20 JUNE 2023	3
<b>USE OF RESIDENTIAL PREMISES AS CHILDREN'S CARE HOMES</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

#### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Planning Committee asked that the regulation of children's homes be considered by the appropriate scrutiny committee. Members are therefore requested to consider the attached scrutiny review scoping report relating to the regulation of the use of premises as residential children's homes to agree the scope of the review.

#### SOURCE OF REFERRAL FOR SCRUTINY

Planning Committee

#### RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

See attached scoping report

#### WHY IS THIS MATTER BEING PLACED BEFORE COMMITTEE FOR SCRUTINY?

Over recent months, the council has received several applications for certificates of lawful use which seek to establish whether planning permission is required to use a residential property as a children's care home. On 5 April 2023, the Planning Committee considered a report that sought to clarify the process of determining applications for certificates of lawful use and resolved to:

*"... request that the issue be properly scrutinized by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee in the new municipal year 2023/24, under the new Governance structure."*

A draft scrutiny review scoping report is attached for consideration by the Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

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