

Appendix 1 – Item 2.2 Housing Loans Update Report - Comments from Councillor Aidan Van de Weyer, O&S Lead Member for Housing

I would like to comment on item 2.2 of the agenda as lead member for housing on the Overview and Scrutiny committee. I would be very grateful if you could report my comments to the housing committee at an appropriate point during the item.

The work that the internal auditors have been doing on aspects of the housing functions of the Combined Authority, in relation to CLTs and the grants programme, is very welcome. And it is even more welcome that there is the prospect that there will be further review of the housing loans made by the auditors.

I understand that the intention is for the internal audit reports on CLTs and on grants to be presented to the Audit and Governance committee on 24 March 2023. It would be helpful if this could be confirmed.

This will enable the scope of the Overview and Scrutiny review of the housing programme to be finalised, allowing it to proceed. I would very much hope that this can be done, and the review itself be conducted, in close coordination with the proposed internal audit work on the loans programme.