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Thank you for your letter dated 28th May 2015 on behalf of the I&CI Committee seeking information on “how discussions with you (i.e. ALACHO) and the SHR, along with SFHA and GWSFHA are progressing”.

As you will be aware discussions at the ICI Committee and in related evidence focused primarily, perhaps exclusively, on relations between SHR and RSLs. As too did the subsequent letter from Jim Eadie to Michael Cameron. I am not aware that any significant issues emerged from discussions requiring resolution between SHR and ALACHO, which of course represents the local authority housing sector.

I am bound to say that in general terms ALACHO members seem broadly content at the moment with the current relations between SHR and local authorities. There will be occasional local issues of course, which tend to be addressed and resolved locally, but nothing I would describe as significant or systemic challenges presenting barriers to good relations between SDHR and the local authority housing sector.

ALACHO and SHR have established regular informal meetings involving senior staff, which both parties use to update the other on any current issues, and SHR have in particular been helpful in keeping ALACHO informed as to future inspection intentions. This enables me to keep ALACHO members informed as to proposed SHR programmes, and provide feedback to SHR accordingly.

The next of these joint meetings takes place on Monday 22nd June, which I expect to be helpful and productive. The main item for discussion is likely to be SHR’s recent Risk Assessment Summary Outcome for Local Authorities and the key issues and actions arising from that process.

I hope you find the foregoing helpful, but please let me know if you wish further information.

You will note I have copied this note to our chair Eileen MacLean for her information.

Best wishes

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