

Decision Instrument

Instrument number: 8

Title of Instrument: **Revisions to the Regulatory Framework for Social Housing in England**

Introduction

- A Regulation of social housing under the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 ('the Act') is the responsibility of the Homes and Community Agency acting through its Regulation Committee ('the Regulator of Social Housing').
- B The Social Housing Regulator has taken a decision to make revisions to the 'Regulatory Framework for Social Housing in England from April 2012.'

Decision

Date decision made: 29 January 2015

Decision made by: The Regulation Committee

- 1 The Social Housing Regulator makes the decisions set out in annexes to the consultation on changes to the regulatory framework: decision statement as below which will come into force on 1 April 2015:
 - The Governance and Financial Viability Standard will be as set out at Annex 3 to the consultation on changes to the regulatory framework – decision statement
 - The General Consent will be as set out at Annex 5 to the consultation on changes to the regulatory framework – decision statement.
 - The Registration Criteria will be as set out at Annex 6 to the consultation on changes to the regulatory framework – decision statement.
 - The Rent Standard will be as set out at Annex 7 and the Rent Standard Guidance will state as set out at Annex 8 to the consultation on changes to the regulatory framework – decision statement.
- 2 The Social Housing Regulator will issue a Code of Practice

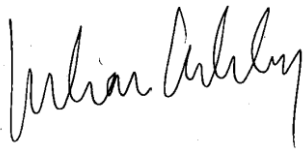
- 3 The Code of Practice will be issued on 1 April 2015 and will be as set out at Annex 4 to the consultation on changes to the regulatory framework – decision statement.
- 4 The revisions referred to in this Decision Instrument supersede the following:
- The revisions to The General Consent 2010 under section 172 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 set out in Schedule 1 to Decision Instrument 2; and
 - The Rent Standard Guidance which took effect from April 2012.

Authentication

Name: Julian Ashby

Position: Chairman of the Regulation Committee of the Homes and Communities Agency

Signature:

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Schedule to Decision Instrument 8

Revisions to the Regulatory Framework for Social Housing in England and the issue of a Code of Practice

- The Governance and Financial Viability Standard Annex 3
- The General Consent Annex 5
- The Registration Criteria Annex 6
- The Rent Standard Annex 7
- Rent Standard Guidance Annex 8
- The Code of Practice Annex 4

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The first regulatory framework for registered social housing providers was introduced in April 2010.

On 1 April 2012 the Tenant Services Authority (TSA) was abolished and the HCA took over as the regulator of social housing with the HCA discharging its regulatory function through a specially appointed Regulation Committee.

A revised regulatory framework was introduced in April 2012.

This decision sets out the revisions to the regulatory framework made by the Regulation Committee from 1 April 2015 (various of the existing requirements will remain unchanged), and records the publication of a Code of Practice in accordance with s195 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008.

The revisions have been made after consultation with stakeholders.