



Subject:	Response from Department for Communities on Rent Controls
Date:	10 th October 2023
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	Members will recall that in at the People and Communities meeting held in January 2023, it was agreed that Council would write to the Permanent Secretary in the Department for Communities in relation to the Department for Communities Private Tenancies Act (NI) 2022 – update on Powers for Council commencing April 2023. A response has since been received from DfC and is attached at Appendix 1.
1.2	Members are asked to note the update report on the DfC response which was presented to City Growth and Regeneration Committee (Appendix 2).
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is requested to note the response from DfC and the update report presented to City Growth and Regeneration Committee.
3.0	Financial and Resource Implications
3.1	There are no financial or resource implications associated with this report.
4.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
4.1	There are no equality, good relations or rural needs assessment implications associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Letter of response from DfC Appendix 2 – Update report on DfC Rent Controls to City Growth & Regeneration Committee, September 2023