## Berneslai Homes Audit & Risk Committee 21 August 2025 - Meeting Summary:

#### **Annual Governance Statement**

Committee recommended the referral of the Annual Governance Statement and the Senior Risk Owner Annual Report for approval by Berneslai Homes Board and approved the Modern Slavery Statement for signature by the Board Chair.

# Berneslai Homes Ltd., Annual Report and Accounts including External Audit Draft Report

Committee recommended that the draft 2024/25 Annual Report and Financial Statements be referred for approval to Berneslai Homes' Board, subject to the resolution of outstanding areas set out in the Audit Report and finalisation of the 2024/25 Annual Report and Financial Statements.

#### Write off of Bad Debts Annual Schedule

Committee received and noted the report which provided a summary of Berneslai Homes' irrecoverable debts and stock written off during 2024/25. The report set out irrecoverable debts and stock value written off under the Company's Financial Regulations to the value of £53,855.49.

## **Corporate Assurance Activity Report (including Summary of Audits carried out)**

Committee received and considered the report from Barnsley Council's Corporate Assurance which provided the Corporate Assurance Team's progress against the 2025/26 Assurance Plan for Berneslai Homes. Ltd. and the Corporate Assurance Key Performance Indicators for Quarter 1 (April – July) 2025/26.

# **CA Mandate and Charter & Strategy**

Committee considered and approved the Corporate Assurance (Internal Audit) Mandate and Charter & Strategy and were assured that the Corporate Assurance function operates in accordance with the relevant standards.

## **Agreed Management Actions**

Committee received a report which showed progress against Agreed Management Actions as of 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025. Committee considered and noted the status of Agreed Management Actions and the continuing work to improve internal controls.