

FOI Request 202200331323– Part 1C – For Release

1) All internal and external correspondence within and sent or received by the Scottish Government including attached documents, meeting handouts, memos, briefings to ministers, attendee lists, location of meeting, notes, minutes, or OneNote memos, linked to the following meetings:

1c) Patrick Harvie's meeting with the International Union of Tenants on August 10, 2022

Documents provided

- Email chain with IUT
- Email chain with IUT
- Email chain with IUT
- Draft of pre-meeting background information for IUT
- Internal email to Ministerial Private Office with Ministerial briefing pack
- Ministerial briefing pack
- Outlook invitation for meeting
- Internal email chain with Scottish Government Communications

From: AW <[Redacted]@iut.nu>
Sent: 09 August 2022 11:12
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@tis.org.uk
Cc: [Redacted]@tis.org.uk; [Redacted]@tis.org.uk
Subject: Sv: Meeting with Patrick Harvie MSP

Dear [Redacted],
Looking forward to the meeting tomorrow. I will give an overview based on your text below.
It may be that a follow up meeting to delve into any specific issues is needed with experts from other jurisdictions.
Ilene has participated at our international conferences and will give the Scottish view.
My linked in profile is here....
[Redacted]

Kind regards
Annika

Från: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Skickat: den 8 augusti 2022 15:28
Till: [Redacted]@tis.org.uk; [Redacted]@iut.nu
Kopia: [Redacted]@tis.org.uk; [Redacted]@tis.org.uk
Ämne: RE: Meeting with Patrick Harvie MSP

Hello

Thanks for sending the biographies.

There is no set agenda as such and hoping this to be more of a conversation/fact finding chat about the development of tenants' unions in other countries but I have attached some possible outcomes below:

The Rented Sector Strategy consultation asked for views on the future role tenants' unions could have in supporting tenants to actively participate in decision –making at a national and local level in Scotland.

- Mr Harvie is keen to find out more about how tenants' unions have developed internationally
- The importance of tenants' unions in developing housing policy, for example, rent controls and tenancy disputes
- How unions have strengthened tenant participation
- Share any good practice

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] / Tenant Participation Policy Officer/ Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities Team / Scottish Government / [Redacted] /mobile [Redacted]

From: Ilene Campbell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>
Sent: 04 August 2022 10:54
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@iut.nu
Cc: Stephen Connor <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>; Fawn Russell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Patrick Harvie MSP

Hi [Redacted]

Yes I am available to attend and I look forward to our meeting. It will be myself and my colleague Stephen Connor who will be in attendance from TIS and we will forward bio details to you.

Please can you confirm the areas the Minister would like to cover during our meeting.

Kind regards

Ilene

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 02 August 2022 11:24
To: Ilene Campbell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>; [Redacted]@iut.nu
Subject: RE: Meeting with Patrick Harvie MSP

Hello Ilene and Annika

I hope you are both well.

Are you both still able to attend the online meeting with Mr Harvie on Wednesday 10 August @ 13.00.

Will there be anyone else attending this meeting that I should note?

Also, I need a short biography of the attendees, would this be something that can be provided?

Many Thanks

[Redacted]

**[Redacted] / Tenant Participation Policy Officer/ Tenants' and Landlords'
Rights and Responsibilities Team / Scottish Government / [Redacted]
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Sent: 14 July 2022 10:31
To: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>; Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>
Cc: Ilene Campbell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Thank you both.

I have arranged the meeting for 13:00 – 14:00 on Wednesday 10 August.

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[Redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights – Patrick Harvie
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From: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>
Sent: 13 July 2022 21:18
To: Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>
Cc: Ilene Campbell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>
Subject: Sv: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Dear [Redacted],
Thank you. I confirm I am available too.

Kind regards,

Annika Wahlberg
Secretary General
International Union of Tenants
Tel. [Redacted]
Mobile [Redacted]

Från: Ilene Campbell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>
Skickat: den 12 juli 2022 22:59
Till: MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot; Annika Wahlberg
<[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>
Ämne: RE: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Hi [Redacted]

Thank you and I am available to attend on August 10th at 1-2pm.

Kind regards

Ilene

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of**
MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot
Sent: 12 July 2022 09:57
To: Ilene Campbell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>; [Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se
Cc: MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Morning Ilene and Annika,

We are happy with the arrangement discussed below.

We have rescheduled the meeting for **Wednesday 10 August at 13:00 – 14:00.**

Grateful if you can both please confirm your attendance by **COP on Friday 15 July.**

Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings,
Active Travel and Tenants' Rights – Patrick Harvie

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From: Ilene Campbell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>

Sent: 11 July 2022 12:34

To: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>; Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Hi [Redacted]

I have spoken to Annika, and I would be delighted to attend this meeting. Unfortunately, [Redacted] and wonder if it could be moved to one of these dates;

Monday 2nd August

Thursday 4 August

Monday 8th August

Wednesday 10 August

Kind regards

Ilene Campbell

CEO TIS

[Redacted]

From: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>

Sent: 11 July 2022 12:22

To: MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot

Cc: Ilene Campbell <[Redacted]@tis.org.uk>

Subject: Sv: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Hi [Redacted],

I have just spoken to Ilene Campbell (following a conversation with [Redacted]) so it will be the two of use. Ilene will liaise with you.

Kind regards,

Annika Wahlberg

Secretary General

International Union of Tenants
Tel.[Redacted]
Mobile [Redacted]

Från: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot> **För**
MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot

Skickat: den 11 juli 2022 12:54

Till: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>; [Redacted]@gov.scot

Kopia: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@iut.nu

Ämne: RE: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Hi Annika,

Have you had any updates on who will be attending the meeting on **Wednesday 27 July at 10:00 – 11:00?**

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings,
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From: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>

Sent: 27 June 2022 19:28

To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>

Cc: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@iut.nu

Subject: VB: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Typo in bold corrected..

From: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>
Sent: 27 June 2022 19:24
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@iut.nu; Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Subject: Sv: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your message, now all is clear!

I joined IUT in 2017, so missed the Glasgow conference, but understand it was much appreciated by **our** members. I have also had the pleasure of visiting Scotland, both our members and officials in Glasgow.

I hope you have had a chance to review the documents I sent you, and that this provided some answers. We at IUT feel it is at national level that consultations should be answered but I am more than happy to have a call and perhaps ask a few national representatives to provide more detailed replies. As you say, there are many national differences. For a description of the Swedish legal basis please see pages 12 to 17 of the presentation in my previous email.

Very much looking forward to speaking Mr Harvie and the team later in the summer (being in the middle of summer holidays in Sweden when things slow down considerably to make the most of the short hot summer), I need to check who may be available to join us.

Kind regards and greetings from the World Urban Forum in Katowicce

Annika

Annika Wahlberg
Secretary General
International Union of Tenants
Tel.[Redacted]
Mobile [Redacted]

Från: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Skickat: den 27 juni 2022 16:17
Till: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>; [Redacted]@iut.nu;
MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot
Kopia: [Redacted]@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot
Ämne: RE: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Hello Annika

Thank you for the email ([Redacted], thanks for sending on)

I understand our former Housing Minister, Margaret Burgess, gave a keynote address at the International Union of Tenants, International Tenants day on 6 October 2014 in Brussels and the IUT also held their conference in Glasgow in 2016

(hosted by TPAS) and former Minister for Local Government and Housing, Kevin Stewart MSP, was a key note speaker at this event.

I contacted you in March this year to find out more about Tenants Unions as the Scottish Government were consulting on a New Deal for Tenants – Draft Strategy and you kindly provided some helpful information (please see email attached)

We know that TIS and TPAS are members of the IUT but we have not reached out to either at this stage as Tenants Unions (apart from Living Rent) are still very much in the early stages of development.

Mr Harvie is keen to find out more about the positive impact Tenants Unions have had in other countries and would be grateful for a discussion on this topic.

I hope this provides some background but happy to have a chat if that would be helpful.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted] / Private Housing Services Unit/ Tenant Participation Policy Officer / Scottish Government / [Redacted] /mobile 07812660

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights

Sent: 27 June 2022 10:08

To: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>; Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@iut.nu

Cc: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Hi Annika,

Thanks for your email.

Scottish Government officials raised the prospect of meeting IUT and this is something Mr Harvie was keen to do. I personally have had no prior dealings with IUT members based in Scotland.

Copying in tenants' rights officials in case they have had previous interactions with IUT members.

Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights – Patrick Harvie
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From: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>
Sent: 25 June 2022 08:46
To: Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>; [Redacted]@iut.nu
Subject: Sv: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Hi [Redacted],
Can we have a quick call on Monday?
Interested to hear how you heard of us at IUT and if you have contact with our members in Scotland?

Kind regards,

Annika
Annika Wahlberg
Secretary General
International Union of Tenants
Tel. [Redacted]
Mobile [Redacted]

Från: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot> **För**
MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot
Skickat: den 23 juni 2022 14:37
Till: [Redacted]@iut.nu; MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot
Kopia: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>
Ämne: RE: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Hi Annika,

We are delighted to hear you can attend a meeting with Mr Harvie on Wednesday 27 July at 10:00 – 11:00.

You will be able to access the meeting using the teams link below:

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Will it just be you attending the meeting and is there any agenda items you would be keen to discuss?

Regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights – Patrick Harvie
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From: AW <[Redacted]@iut.nu>

Sent: 23 June 2022 08:58

To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights <MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>

Cc: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>

Subject: VB: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Från: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>

Skickat: den 23 juni 2022 09:53

Till: MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot; [Redacted]@gov.scot

Kopia: [Redacted]@iut.nu

Ämne: Sv: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Dear [Redacted],

I confirm that I am available on 27 July for a discussion with Mr Patrick Harvie at 10 a.m your time (11 a.m. CET time)

Will you send me a Teams invitation

Kind regards,

Annika

Annika Wahlberg
Secretary General
International Union of Tenants
Tel.[Redacted]
Mobile [Redacted]
[Redacted]@iut.nu

Från: [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot> **För**
MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot
Skickat: den 22 juni 2022 15:40
Till: Annika Wahlberg <[Redacted]@hyresgastforeningen.se>
Kopia: MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot
Ämne: Meeting with Mr Harvie

Good afternoon,

Mr Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants Rights, would be keen to meet with the International Union of Tenants virtually to discuss how tenant unions have developed in other countries.

The Minister has availability for a meeting via MS Teams on the following date and time:

- **Wednesday 27 July 10:00 – 11:00.**

To help with arrangements, I would be grateful if you could please confirm whether this date and time is convenient by **COP on Tuesday 28 June.**

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights – Patrick Harvie
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Mr Harvie is Green Party Minister – and the Green Party are currently in a Co-operation agreement with the SNP called the Bute House agreement.

His full title is

Current policy timeline

Housing to 2040 was a document published by the Scottish Government in March 2021 and sets out a vision for housing in Scotland to 2040 and a route map to get there. It aims to deliver the Scottish Government ambition for everyone to have a good quality and affordable home that meets their needs in the place they want to be

No changes to this strategy has been published as a result of the update actions and commitments as set out in the Bute House Agreement.

Everyone in Scotland to have access to a safe, warm, affordable and energy efficient home that meets their needs in thriving community.

A New Deal for Tenants – A Draft Strategy Consultation Paper – was launched on the 15 December and closed on the **15 April 2022**.

The Scottish Government's vision for the rented sector: Offering housing quality, affordability and fairness to all tenants regardless of tenure;

The Scottish Government's commitment to ensuring all tenants have a voice: building on the existing strengths and experiences in tenant participation within the social rented sector to extend engagement opportunities to all tenants and communities.

The importance of robust tenant participation and community engagement in driving service improvement for tenants and thriving communities.

The Social Rented Sector

Tenant Participation and indeed Tenant Scrutiny is well established in the social rented sector but tenant participation in the private rented sector is less well developed.

The Scottish

Private Rented Sector

We will ensure that a private rented sector panel will be established

TIS and TPAS were involved in some focus groups for us with PRS tenants

Joseph Rowntree Foundation on a tenant

Tenant Participation in the Private Rented Sector

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>

Sent: 04 August 2022 11:43

To: Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights
<MinisterZCBATTR@gov.scot>

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing & Local Government
<CabSecSJHLG@gov.scot>; Director for Local Government and Housing
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Subject: Briefing - Mr Harvie meeting International Union of Tenants - 10 August
2022 - 13:00 via Teams

Good Morning

Please find attached briefing for Mr Harvie's meeting with Annika Wahlberg,
Secretary General of International Union of Tenants, on 10 August @ 13:00.

Many Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Mobile: [Redacted]

Tenant Participation Policy Officer
Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities Team
Housing Services and Rented Sector Reform Unit
Better Homes Division
Scottish Government

**MINISTERIAL ENGAGEMENT BRIEFING:
PATRICK HARVIE, MINISTER FOR ZERO CARBON BUILDINGS, ACTIVE
TRAVEL AND TENANTS' RIGHTS
Briefing for Meeting with International Union of Tenants (IUT), 10 August 2022**

What	This meeting has been arranged as part of your summer tour and will allow you to meet with Annika Wahlberg, Secretary General of IUT, to discuss the role of tenants' unions in other countries and the impact unions have on housing policy.
Where	<p>The meeting will take place via Microsoft Teams (Link attached)</p> <p>Microsoft Teams meeting</p> <p>Join on your computer or mobile app Click here to join the meeting</p> <p>Or call in (audio only) +44 131 376 2847, 679736705# United Kingdom, Edinburgh Phone Conference ID: 679 736 705# Find a local number Reset PIN SCOTS Connect Learn More Help Meeting options</p>
When	Wednesday, 10 August, 13:00 - 14:00
Key Message(s)	<p><u>See Annex A for Topics for Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I welcome the opportunity to meet with you. We are looking to develop and embed our approaches to tenant participation in the private rented sector and are interested to find out how tenants' unions have developed internationally. • I would like to offer some background into the Scottish Government's current housing policy. • 'Housing to 2040' committed us to delivering a new Rented Sector Strategy, one that considers the social and private rented sectors as a whole. Regardless of what type of landlord you rent from we want to ensure that tenants have equality of outcome. • Tenant participation is well established and developed within the social rented sector in Scotland and more regulation has come from the development of the Social Housing Charter, which has outcomes and standards that feed into the Annual Return of the Charter (ARC), as well as the establishment of Scottish Housing Regulator. • We committed to improving tenant participation in the private rented sector and that is why we asked for views about the role of tenant unions in influencing and

	<p>making decisions about housing processes and policies in our recent consultation – A New Deal for Tenants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This consultation is currently being analysed by external consultants but I will share this with you once published for information. • There is huge diversity amongst the private rented sector and its tenants, and the Scottish Government is open to working collaboratively and innovatively to seek solutions to get the best results for the Scottish housing sector. • We want to build on the existing strengths and experiences to extend engagement opportunities and we would like to hear your views about the importance of tenants’ unions, how these unions have strengthened tenant participation and to share any good practice.
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annika Wahlberg, Secretary General of the International Union of Tenants (IUT) • Ilene Campbell, Chief Executive, Tenant Information Service (TIS) <p><i>Officials have meet with Annika Wahlberg separately and she asked if she could invite a Scottish member of IUT to assist with facilitation and any possible language barrier.</i></p>
Why	<p>This is an opportunity for you to engage with IUT members and to find out about different models and development of tenant unions. It will also be an opportunity for you to provide some background on the Scottish Government’s Housing to 2040 vision, the Rented Sector strategy consultation and the supporting and developing of tenant participation in the private sector.</p>
Expected outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To find out how tenant unions have developed in other European countries • To find out more about how tenant unions influence housing policy, for example, rent controls, tenancy disputes.
Speech details	N/A
Supporting official	[Redacted], Tenants’ and Landlords’ Rights and Responsibilities Team, mobile [Redacted]
Briefing contents	<p>Annex A: Topics for Discussion Annex B: Attendees/Biographies Annex C: Summary Page / Top Lines Annex D: Rented Sector Strategy- A New Deal for Tenants Annex E: Tenants’ Unions in Europe – Background</p>
Media Handling	No comms attending.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

NEW DEAL FOR TENANTS AND RENTERS' RIGHTS

Our 'New Deal for Tenants' consultation closed on 22 April with around 930 individual/organisational responses and 8400 campaign responses received.

- It sought a wide range of views on how we can further protect and strengthen the rights for people living in the rented sector in Scotland; around 1.85 million people.
- Our New Deal for Tenants consultation lays out an ambitious set of proposals for the phased implementation of a plan, over the next five years, to ensure that the rights and needs of people who rent homes in Scotland are met
- I believe it is crucially important to view the rented sector as a whole but acknowledge that the private rented sector has further to travel to reform.
- The New Deal for Tenants work supports our progress towards the human right of an adequate home for all.
- It includes improvements to the Private Rented Tenancy, increasing tenants' rights, new restrictions to evictions in the winter, the right to personalise the place they call home and action to ensure rents are affordable.
- We want to improve standards and enforce tenants' rights in the PRS, including considering the role of tenant unions in tenant participation, ensuring private tenants can influence the decision making process and support the development of a PRS tenant participation panel.

PRS Tenant participation in Scotland

- The Scottish Government is committed to ensuring all tenants have a voice.
- Our Housing to 2040 (H2040) commits in the development of a new Rented Sector Strategy to put 'tenant participation at its heart' and for the establishment of a PRS Tenant Participation Panel to support its development and delivery.
- There is huge diversity amongst the PRS and its tenants, and the Scottish Government is open to working collaboratively and innovatively to seek solutions to get the best results for the Scottish housing sector.
- We have been working in partnership with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to take forward a project to hear directly from low income tenants as part of developing the Strategy. The initial findings formed the development of our New Deal for Tenants – Draft Rented Sector Strategy Consultation.
- The final report is due shortly and will help to inform the development of the final Rented Sector Strategy and the forthcoming Housing Bill. We will be happy to share this with IUT for information once published.
- We have also enlisted the support for the Tenant Information Service (TIS) and the Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) who delivered a series of focus groups and also delivered a number of consultation events with PRS tenants.
- I am very keen to hear more about how tenant unions have developed to support tenant participation internationally.

Tenants' Unions

- In some countries, such as Sweden, tenants' unions are well established.

- Living Rent are an associate member of the IUT and we would like to encourage more union development in Scotland.
- We are looking to further develop our approaches to tenant participation and are interested to hear some examples of how tenant unions have actively supported tenants in decision making at national, local and grassroots level.
- Despite the measures to strengthen rights and raise awareness, some tenants still feel unable to challenge poor or even illegal landlord practices for fear of the consequences.
- We know that tenants' unions can help empower tenants and actively support them to exercise their rights and we are keen to hear from IUT on how this type of support and advocacy can be encouraged.

Rent Controls

- We know rising rents put pressure on budgets and we are committed to taking action to introduce rent controls.
- We will introduce effective national rent controls by 2025, for privately-rented homes, with appropriate mechanisms to allow local authorities to introduce local measures.
- Rent control can take different forms and we are focused on ensuring we have the evidence and data to develop an effective one which meets the needs of Scotland.
- We would be interested to hear examples of tenants unions being involved in national rent control systems so we can learn from experiences and understand their perspective.

ATTENDEES and BIOGRAPHIES

Annika Wahlberg, Secretary General of IUT

Annika Wahlberg moved to the UK in the 1980s from Sweden. She specialised in capital markets, first in a management role for Eurobond borrowers/issuers in the employ of a Japanese bank and subsequently in the Treasury department of a UK bank. She was appointed Managing Director at the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in December 2008 and picked up the reins in early February 2009.

After leaving the Chamber, she has held a number of fixed term roles and worked as a consultant, while studying and pursuing her many interests in her spare time. First, she returned to capital markets by working for an international trade association looking after its Members engaged in asset and investment management. She worked for the UK Crowdfunding Association and the University of Cambridge and its Centre for Alternative Finance in a corporate management role.

Annika was appointed Secretary General of IUT in 2016 and is now based predominately in Sweden.

Ilene Campbell, Chief Executive, Tenant Information Service (TIS), member of IUT.

Ilene has been Chief Executive of TIS since 2015. Ilene has worked with TIS since 1997 and prior to her appointment as Chief Executive, held the role of Director for 13 years and Development Manager for 5 years. Prior to joining TIS, Ilene worked for Glasgow City Council as a Community Development Officer.

In April 2021, Ilene was appointed as a Board member of Linstone Housing Association, based in Renfrewshire. For the last four years, Ilene has also served on the Board of Directors at Glasgow Women's Aid and since May 2019 has served as Co-Chair of the Scottish Hub of the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence. Ilene also acts as a Leadership coach and mentor, and is a member of the International Coaching Federation.

SUMMARY PAGE AND TOP LINES

Top Lines:

- **I welcome the opportunity to meet with International Union of Tenants (IUT)**
- **We are looking to develop and embed our approaches to tenant participation in the private rented sector in Scotland and are interested to find out how tenants' unions have developed internationally.**
- **We want to build on existing strengths and experiences to extend engagement opportunities and we would like to hear your views about the importance of tenants' unions, how unions have strengthened tenant participation and to share any good practice.**
- **We are committed to improving tenant participation in the private rented sector and that is why we set out in 'Housing to 2040' that we would put tenant participation at the heart of developing the Rented Sector Strategy and that we would establish a PRS Tenant Participation Panel.**
- **There is huge diversity amongst the PRS and its tenants, and the Scottish Government is open to working collaboratively and innovatively to seek solutions to get the best results for the Scottish housing sector.**

Background

1. IUT is a non-governmental and not-for-profit membership organization for global tenants organisations. IUT was founded in 1926 in Zurich, Switzerland. Since 1956 they have been based in Stockholm, Sweden with a representative office in Brussels since 2008. IUT have 74 membership organisations in 51 countries and are financed through membership fees.

2. IUT objectives include:

- Co-operation between tenants through sharing information
- Supporting the right of everyone, both to good housing, and to a sound and healthy residential environment, to an affordable and fair rent.
- Residential/tenants democracy, a right to participation and the right to organise
- Security of tenure
- No discrimination with regard to sex, racial, ethnic and religious grounds

3. The IUT considers housing as one of the fundamental rights in society which needs to be addressed locally, nationally and internationally. Adequate housing is also one of the safeguards for peace and security in Europe and elsewhere in the world. Homelessness is one of the major ingredients for social exclusion.

4. The IUT promotes a Tenants' Charter, which was adopted in 1974 and updated in 2004. The Charter recognises the right to adequate housing, recognition of tenant's organisations, affordable rents, security of tenure and quality of both the physical building and surrounding environment.

5. In 2014 the previous Minister for Housing and Welfare, Margaret Burgess spoke at the IUT Congress in Brussels and signed the European Responsible Housing Declaration and Code of Conduct on behalf of the Scottish Government. The declaration and code of conduct confirms our commitment to work collectively to promote Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in the social / affordable housing sector for the purpose of maximizing benefits to society. The declaration states that CSR in social housing contributes to:

- Economic sustainability and responsibility
- Local social sustainability
- Safeguarding the environment and natural resources
- Good governance and fair relations to stakeholders and
- Responsible human resources management.

6. The IUT's 20th Congress was held in Glasgow in 2016. They chose to hold the Congress in Scotland because they were impressed with our achievements and in particular our commitment to tenant participation and the Scottish Social Housing Charter. It provided an opportunity to describe to an international audience Scotland's approach to housing policy and the commitment to ensuring that tenants receive good quality homes and services. Former Minister for Housing and Local Government, Kevin Stewart MSP, gave the opening address at this conference.

7. Scottish IUT members are:

- Living Rent Scotland – associate member
- Tenant Information Service (TIS)
- Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS)

DRAFT RENTED SECTOR STRATEGY – A NEW DEAL FOR TENANTS

ISSUE: On 20 December, the Scottish Government published the Draft New Deal for Tenants - Rented Sector Strategy Consultation.

- ‘Housing to 2040’ committed us to delivering a new Rented Sector Strategy, one that considers the social and private rented sectors as a whole.
- The Draft Strategy Consultation was published on Monday, 20 December and closed in April 2022.
- The consultation sought views on how a final Strategy can improve accessibility, standards and affordability choices across the whole rented sector, including agricultural and non-traditional residential homes.
- The consultation also reflected the additional commitments included in the Scottish Government and Scottish Greens Party’s Co-operation Agreement, setting out and seeking views on how we could deliver a new deal for tenants.
- A Housing Bill will be introduced in this parliamentary session to deliver the legislative changes required to implement the Strategy, with further legislation to follow on longer-term issues such as rent controls and plans to introduce a new housing regulator.

We are aware that many tenants have been struggling financially as a result of increasing rents and this has been exacerbated by the pandemic - that is why we launched ‘The New Deal for Tenants’ consultation.

- We want to build on the success in preventing evictions during the pandemic. The time is right to seek views on our ambitious plans for the rented sector; which affects 1.85 million people in Scotland.
- All tenants should live in properties where quality and standards are high, and tenants have clear rights for the place they call home.
- The ‘New Deal for Tenants’ consultation supports our progress towards the human right of an adequate home for all.
- The consultation will consider options for new evictions restrictions in winter when people more vulnerable and support services less available.
- Careful consideration of action to ensure rents are affordable will be at the heart of our ‘New Deal for Tenants’.
- Affordability of rent is essential in every tenure and we will be working through our rented sector strategy to look at these issues in the round – including through developing a shared understanding of what rent affordability means.
- We have committed to tackling high rents by implementing an effective national system of private rent controls by the end of 2025, whilst exploring what further action we can take to ensure rents in the social rented sector are affordable.
- The new deal will also encourage those landlords who share our commitment to providing good quality homes and will deter landlords who flout the law, undertake illegal evictions or provide high cost, poor quality accommodation.

We want to improve standards and enforce tenants’ rights in the PRS, including introducing a Private Rented Sector Housing Regulator

- I share the desire to see a well-functioning PRS and proper enforcement of existing regulations is a vital part of that. That is why we have committed in the strategy to consult on creation of a new housing regulator for the private rented sector to improve standards and enforce tenants' rights.
- In addition, we have committed in Housing to 2040 to review the existing registration and regulation regimes within the private rented sector and consult on any proposals to strengthen them where needed.
- The current Scottish Housing Regulator is a key and respected feature of our social housing system as it sets the standard, prompts improvement and underpins investment.
- We want to bring similar benefits to the private rented sector and a Regulator will assist in embedding a strong rights based approach, improving standards and ensuring the system is fair. We will consult widely on what this could look like.

We have been clear from the outset of the pandemic that eviction action, especially related to rent arrears, must be an absolute last resort, when all other avenues have been exhausted and a tenancy is no longer sustainable.

- We provided a range of support and interventions in response to the pandemic, including extending notice periods and introducing pre-action requirements that make clear how landlords should support tenants who are struggling.
- Social landlords have already said they will only take eviction action as a last resort. Supporting tenants is a core part of what they already do by providing them with advice and support to help them sustain their tenancy and to access benefits.
- Tenants should always in the first instance contact their landlord where they are having difficulties paying their rent.
- Unfortunately some tenancies will no longer be sustainable and landlords need to be able to deal with serious cases such as antisocial behaviour or where a tenant refuses to engage in rent payments and high levels of arrears are accruing.
- Where this is the case, our emergency Coronavirus legislation had given people extra time to prepare and Tribunals have discretion to take all factors into account when hearing cases and could decide not to grant an eviction order.
- This includes consideration on whether the pre-action requirements for PRS rent arrears and the Tribunal's discretion in eviction cases. These provision have now been made permanent by the Scottish Parliament, giving private tenants further protections.
- We have strong homelessness legislation in place to support households facing eviction and people should contact their local authority for advice and support.
- We work closely with local authorities to monitor the impact of eviction action.

TENANTS' UNIONS IN EUROPE – BACKGROUND

Sweden¹

The Swedish Union of Tenants is a national membership association which has about 500,000 members via local unions. It represents tenants in policy, assist with legal and advice and represents all tenants in the collective bargaining of rents. Sweden does not have social housing in the traditional sense and people either rent privately or own their own home.

It is financed through membership fees and a 'rent-setting charge' which is charged to tenants via their landlords through inclusion on their overall rent which is then passed to the union.

In a parliamentary dispute on rent controls over proposals to end a rent cap for new-build flats, a party withdrew its support for the coalition. It called for a no-confidence vote in the Prime Minister, leading to the Swedish government falling in June 2021².

In August 2021, the BBC reported a shortage of accommodation in Stockholm and other cities, for young Swedes, and highlighted the view that “once you have one of these highly-prized contracts, it's yours for life” – resulting in a reported average nine year wait for a let in Stockholm³.

Denmark

There are two national tenant unions and five regional area unions in Denmark. 42% rent privately and 22% are in social housing. Unlike Sweden, there is not collective bargaining regarding rents and the unions are currently trying to rally popular opinion for a national rent controls.

Affordable housing in Danish cities are currently disappearing in the private rented sector as the landlord is able to double the rent, when renting out to a new tenant without any stipulation.

Germany

The German Tenants Association (DMB) is the umbrella organisation of 15 DMB state associations and more than 300 local DMB-tenant associations with more than 500 union centres throughout Germany.

The DMB is consulted on all key legislative measures in housing including rent affordability and has achieved a capping of rent increases for new tenancies in all Federal states.

¹ [IUT-minisurvey2019.pdf](#)

² [Swedish government toppled in no-confidence vote - BBC News](#) – 21 June 2021

³ [Why rent control isn't working in Sweden - BBC News](#) – 26 August 2021

Organiser: Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights
13:00 - 14:00 Meeting: International Union of Tenants (IUT) and Tenant Information
Service (TIS) (B)
Location: MS Teams

Briefing received 04/08 - [Redacted]

Grateful for briefing and confirmation of official support/note taker by **COP** on
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Hi [Redacted]

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Many thanks

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Hi Karen/PO,

Following Mr Harvie's meeting with the International Union of Tenants we are proposing issuing the following tweet from @ScotGovFairer.

SpAds and policy are content, grateful for clearance.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]



"We are committed to improving tenant participation in the private rented sector. Our New Deal for Tenants consultation asked for views on the future role tenants' unions could have in empowering tenants."

Patrick Harvie
Minister for Tenants' Rights
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Accompanying text: Tenant's Rights Minister @patrickharvie met with the International Union of Tenants today to learn how tenants' unions have developed internationally and strengthened tenants' rights.

We committed to improving tenant participation in the private rented sector.

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Subject: RE: Policy views - Mr Harvie's Teams meetings

Hi Grant,

Would this screen grab work ok?

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Thanks [Redacted], appreciate the help. I'll put the below to SpAds.

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Subject: RE: Policy views - Mr Harvie's Teams meetings

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for this, I am not sure if I will be able to get a screengrab of the meeting but I have attached a draft quote for consideration.

[Redacted]

Today I met with Annika Wahlberg, Secretary General of International Union of Tenants (IUT), to discuss how tenants' unions have developed internationally and how they are now a well-established way which tenants can make their collective voices heard to actively support and exercise their rights'

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

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Subject: RE: Policy views - Mr Harvie's Teams meetings

Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for this, I've tweaked this slight, if we are unable to get a screengrab of the meeting would you be able to provide lines for a quote from Mr Harvie? I'll use a quote pic of him with the following:

Accompanying text: Tenant's Rights Minister @patrickharvie met with the International Union of Tenants today to learn how tenants' unions have developed internationally and strengthened tenants' rights.

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Hi [Redacted]

As you know Mr Harvie is meeting with IUT tomorrow and we can provide some general lines on this as tenants' unions are still very much in the early stages of development.

Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenant's Rights/ Mr Harvie met today with International Union of Tenants (IUT) to learn for Scotland how tenants' unions have developed internationally and strengthened tenants' rights'

I don't think IUT have a twitter handle (I have checked but not finding anything) but they are on Facebook under the handle – IUT International Union of Tenants.

I hope this is suitable and happy for lines to be tweaked.

Kind Regards

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Good morning all,

Hope you all had a good weekend. I'm just getting in touch regarding Mr Harvie's two teams meetings this week, one tomorrow with the Irish Tenancy Rental Board and his meeting with the International Union of Tenant's.

I was considering putting together a Twitter thread highlighting these meetings have taken place and putting out any of our key messages we look like to share.

Conscious it would be quite difficult to get screengrabs of the meetings and they don't make for the best graphics on social media but I was thinking we could maybe issue a thread similar to the one where we highlighted the New Deal for Tenant's consultation:

[\(15\) Scot Gov Fairer on Twitter: "The New Deal for Tenants consultation closes a month today. We're working to deliver a fairer rented sector. This includes: 💎 Strong rights for tenants 💎 Greater protections against evictions 💎 New housing standard Share your views → <https://t.co/qCLrNazIEw> <https://t.co/hRYMY14gCo>" / Twitter](#)

Grateful for your views on whether this is something we want to do. Conscious Mr Harvie is looking to do an Op Ed on topics in relation to these meetings so grateful for your advice.

Many thanks,
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