

Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association Ltd

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This Regulation Plan sets out the engagement we will have with Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association Ltd during the financial year 2012/13. Our regulatory framework explains more about our assessments and the purpose of this Regulation Plan.

Regulatory profile

Castle Rock Edinvar is the sixth largest registered social landlord (RSL) in Scotland, owning and managing around 6,100 properties. It operates across eight different local authority areas and is a charitable subsidiary of the English RSL, Places for People. It employs around 145 people and has two subsidiaries of its own, Places for People Scotland and Places for People Scotland Care and Support.

Castle Rock Edinvar has grown through development activity and mergers. Its turnover for the year ended 31 March 2012 was just over £29.5 million. It plans to continue to develop and is one of the largest developers of new affordable housing in Scotland in terms of the scale of grant funding it has received. It has plans to develop nearly 200 new homes during 2012/13.

Over the next five years, as part of its asset management strategy, Castle Rock Edinvar is proposing to dispose of 300 social rented properties: 30 by way of sale and 270 by way of lease to Places for People Scotland. The additional income generated from this will support additional borrowing which will contribute to the provision of a new supply programme over five years. It is intended that 300 new social rented properties will be built, with an additional 286 mid market rent and 290 shared equity homes.

Given Castle Rock Edinvar's size, turnover and the scale of its development activity, and its group and subsidiary activities, we consider it to be of systemic importance.

Our engagement with Castle Rock Edinvar - Medium

We consider Castle Rock Edinvar to be of systemic importance because of its significant development, investment and group and subsidiary activities. So we will continue to have a medium level of engagement with Castle Rock Edinvar in 2012/13.

1. We will:
 - meet with Castle Rock Edinvar's senior staff at least twice a year to discuss its future business and any risks to the organisation;
 - meet the Chair in quarter four; and
 - review the minutes of the governing body and audit committee meetings.
2. Castle Rock Edinvar has sent us its business plan for 2012/13 onwards and we will provide feedback on this in Q4.
3. Castle Rock Edinvar will submit annual written reports on progress with the number of properties disposed and their addresses, the total amount of income raised by the disposals and progress with the planned provision of new houses. The first formal report is due by 31 October 2013.
4. Castle Rock Edinvar should also alert us to notifiable events and seek our consent as appropriate. It should provide us with the annual regulatory returns we review for all RSLs:
 - audited annual accounts and external auditor's management letter;
 - loan portfolio return;
 - five year financial projections; and
 - APSR.

This plan will be kept under review and may be changed to reflect particular or new events. The engagement strategy set out in this plan does not restrict us from using any other form of regulatory engagement to seek additional assurance should the need arise. Our regulatory framework and other relevant guidance and statistical and performance information can be found on our website at www.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk.

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We have decided what type of engagement we need to have with this organisation based on information it provided to us. We rely on the information given to us to be accurate and complete, but we do not accept liability if it is not. And we do not accept liability for actions arising from a third party's use of the information or views contained in the Regulation Plan.