

DECISION RECORD ¹

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution [Part 4e - Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules](#))

Subject: Tenant and Leaseholder ASB Policy	
Staff Contact: Karen Long	Cabinet Member: Jackie Hollywell
Tel: 07702916865	Portfolio: Housing

1. Decision

To approve the new tenant and leaseholder ASB policy.

2. Reasons for the decision

2.1 The Neighbourhood and Community Standard requires social housing providers to publish clear and accessible policies which outline their approach to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Throughout the year, the Council has been implementing new policies and updating existing ones to reflect the changes in Regulation and to ensure that they are compliant with new legislation and Consumer Standards.

2.2 The Neighbourhood and Community Standard states that registered providers must:

- work in partnership with appropriate local authority departments, the police and other relevant organisations to deter and tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) and hate incidents in the neighbourhoods where they provide social housing.
- have a policy on how they work with relevant organisations to deter and tackle ASB in the neighbourhoods where they provide social housing.
- clearly set out their approach for how they deter and tackle hate incidents in neighbourhoods where they provide social housing.
- enable ASB and hate incidents to be reported easily and keep tenants informed about the progress of their case.
- provide prompt and appropriate action in response to ASB and hate incidents, having regard to the full range of tools and legal powers available to them.
- support tenants who are affected by ASB and hate incidents, including by signposting them to agencies who can give them appropriate support and assistance.

2.3 It is therefore important to have a robust policy in place that sets out what the Council will do when it receives a report of ASB or hate crime and what action it will take and what powers they are able to use and when.

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3. **Alternative options considered and rejected** ²

No alternative options are proposed as this policy is required to meet relevant regulations, legislation and guidance.

4. **Consultation**

(a) Comments of Executive Member ^{3 4}

I support the adoption of this policy to continue to ensure we are meeting legislative requirements.

(b) Comments of other consultees ⁵

The Executive Housing Working Group were consulted and they agreed with the adoption of the new policy on 30 August 2024. They requested that the draft policy went to the Community Select Committee for their comment before being formally adopted.

The Community Select Committee said they were happy with the policy and thought it was easy to understand and clear what the Council's position is in tackling ASB and Hate Crime.

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Cabinet Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: Richard Protheroe.....

Title: Strategic Director..... Date: 13/12/24.....

6. **PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED/SIGNED FORM TO CONSTITUTIONAL SERVICES FOR PUBLICATION**

¹ for guidance see Borough Solicitor's note "Taking Decisions"

² details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

³ record any conflict of interest declared by any Cabinet Member consulted. If a Cabinet Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without seeking advice from the Borough Solicitor

⁴ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Cabinet Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Cabinet Member, and in some cases the Leader of the Council will need to be consulted

⁵ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by e mail) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.