

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E 3077

Housing Services Enforcement Policy 2018

Decision maker/s	Cllr Paul Myers, Cabinet Member for Economic & Community Regeneration
The Issue	The Enforcement Policy 2018 articulates how Housing Services will adopt the principles of good enforcement practice and how the Service will liaise with individuals and organisations who do not comply with the requirements of the Housing Act 2004 and other relevant housing legislation.
Decision Date	09 August 2018
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the Housing Services Enforcement Policy 2018 is adopted.
Rationale for decision	An enforcement policy is consistent with the requirements of the Regulators Code and aims to ensure that the Council operates in an open, proportionate, consistent and helpful manner. It is also a prerequisite for the use of Civil Penalties.
Financial and budget implications	There are no additional resource implications arising from this report. However, following changes introduced by the Housing and Planning Act 2016 the Council can, in certain circumstances, apply a financial penalty as an alternative to a prosecution for certain offences.
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Service Users; Local Residents; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer.
How consultation was carried out	The Enforcement Policy was developed following consultation with: the West of England Landlord Forum; the other West of England Councils and the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel. The draft policy was also published on the Council's website and subject to a six-week consultation exercise.
Other options considered	None
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including	<i>The nature of interest and whether interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or an-other interest, including any conflict of interest, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests). Any Member who needs to clarify any</i>

any dispensation granted:	<i>matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of their staff before taking the decision.</i>
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None.

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	09 August 2018

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision