

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E 3078

Housing Services Charging Policy 2018

Decision maker/s	Cllr Paul Myers, Cabinet Member for Economic & Community Regeneration
The Issue	Housing Services provide statutory and non-statutory services where reasonable costs can be recovered. This policy has been updated and includes revised charges.
Decision Date	09 August 2018
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the Housing Services Charging Policy 2018 is adopted.
Rationale for decision	Firstly, that it is either a statutory requirement or reasonable to make the charge. Secondly, that the costs are set at recovering some, or all, of our expenditure associated with the activity rather than making a surplus. Finally that the charges are articulated in a policy that is clear, accurate and freely available.
Financial and budget implications	Housing Services currently charge fees to recover the reasonable costs of providing a number of enabling, enforcement, licensing, housing register and homelessness services. These updated and revised changes ensure that the charges continue to be reasonable and appropriate.
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); 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 HMO licensing fee was considered as part of the recent consultation on the proposal to extend Additional HMO Licensing. Informal consultation has also taken place with Registered Providers with whom we work in partnership to deliver and market affordable housing to be confident that the revised charges for these services are reasonable.
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