

Agenda item 5(l) – Pay to Stay: Fairer rents in social housing - Consultation

APPENDIX: C

**LANDLORD SERVICES COMMITTEE (CABINET WORKING GROUP) – 4 NOVEMBER 2015**

**29. PAY TO STAY: FAIRER RENTS IN SOCIAL HOUSING - CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to the draft report of the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration that gave details of the DCLG Consultation document ‘Pay to Stay: Fairer Rents in Social Housing’, attached at Appendix A and the draft response to that consultation as set down at Appendix B.

The Housing Operations Manager who attended the meeting, introduced the report referring to detail as set down in the consultation document and in the draft response prepared by the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration.

In discussion questions and comments were raised in relation to the following:

- Operation of income thresholds – lack of clarity / consistency; “household” income (identification); unforeseen “household” changes (impact).
- Low income households – indirect impact.
- Administrative Costs – requirements to administer; financial impact; determining present/future circumstances.
- “Subsidy” – definition.

The Deputy Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration and the Borough Treasurer provided further clarification on the issues raised and responded to questions.

**RESOLVED** That, as a consequence of the discussion on this item it was agreed the Council’s response to the consultation, as prepared by the Assistant Director Housing and Regeneration, at Appendix B, be supported.