

AGENDA ITEM: 5(a)

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 2 February 2012

CABINET: 13 MARCH 2012

Report of: Borough Solicitor

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mrs V Hopley

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SUBJECT: SELECTIVE HMO LICENSING – ITEM REFERRED BY CABINET TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Borough wide interest

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek comments on the "Selective HMO Licensing" report as requested by Cabinet.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.1 That the Committee consider the "Selective HMO Licensing" report of the Assistant Director Community Services and any agreed comments be referred to Cabinet for consideration on 13 March 2012.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

- 3.1 That, subject to consideration of the comments of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a selective houses in multiple occupation licensing scheme not be introduced at the current time.
- 3.2 That the progress of the Landlord Accreditation Scheme be monitored with the Assistant Director Community Services bringing back a report to Cabinet in September 2012.
- 3.3 That call-in is not appropriate for this item, as the matter has been considered by the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Cabinet received a report on Selective HMO Licensing at its last meeting on 17 January 2012, and resolved "That this report be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 February 2012 for agreed comments and then referred back to the next meeting of Cabinet with any comments for decision".
- 4.2 A copy of the original report is attached as Appendix A.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and is attached to the report set out in Appendix B.

Appendices

- A. Cabinet report 17 January 2012 of the Assistant Director Community Services
- B. Equality Impact Assessment
- C. Minute of Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 February 2012 (Cabinet only)