



CABINET: 7 November 2017

Report of: Director of Leisure and Wellbeing

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Kevin Wright

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SUBJECT: HOUSING AND PLANNING ACT 2016: CIVIL PENALTIES & RENT REPAYMENT ORDERS

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek authority to amend the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy in light of the new powers provided to Local Authorities under the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (the Act), specifically, civil penalties and rent repayment orders.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That authority be delegated to the Director of Leisure and Wellbeing, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to amend the current Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy to include civil penalties and rent repayment orders as outlined in the report submitted to Council on 18 October 2017, attached at Appendix A.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 A report was considered by Council on 18 October 2017 advising of new powers provided to Local Authorities under the Housing and Planning Act 2016 specifically referring to civil penalties and rent repayment orders.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The implementation of the new powers will require revisions to the current Private Sector Enforcement Policy which was originally approved by Cabinet.

- 4.2 Council referred the report to Cabinet in order for it to consider updating of the Policy to include appropriate coverage of the civil penalties and rent repayment orders referred to in the attached report at Appendix A.
- 4.3 The report and minute of Council on 18 October 2017 are attached at Appendix A and B to this report.
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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

There is a direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders; therefore an Equality Impact Assessment is required. A formal equality impact assessment is attached at Appendix 4 of the report to Council, the results of which have been taken into account in the Recommendations.

Appendices

- A. Report to Council on 18 October 2017
- B. Minute of Council 18 October 2017