

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Name of Officer:	Bob Porter, Head of Housing and Planning
Directorate:	Corporate Resources
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Lesley Ann Game, Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods
Date of Decision	10 July 2018
Subject of decision:	Landlord Incentive Payments
Call-in Deadline:	N/A

Decision made:

To implement a Landlord Incentive Payment scheme as set out in annex 1 and 2 to this decision notice.

Reasons for the Decision:

The purpose of the landlord incentive scheme and help to move scheme is to assist in securing privately rented accommodation for households facing homelessness in Thanet.

Securing alternative privately rented accommodation for households facing homelessness helps to prevent homelessness and to avoid the need for temporary accommodation. Temporary accommodation is both more expensive for the council to provide and more disruptive for households facing homelessness.

The landlord incentive scheme includes support for both landlords and tenants to effectively manage the tenancy and prevent it breakdown.

The council is working to reduce the number of households living in temporary accommodation.

Alternative options considered and why they were rejected when the decision was made:

The following options have also been considered:

1. Extending the council's existing deposit guarantee scheme. Deposit guarantees are still available as an option, however feedback from local landlords and agents indicate that incentive payments will be more effective in securing additional private rented sector tenancies for homeless households.
2. Provision of affordable or social rented housing. Homeless households are already eligible to apply for affordable and social rented housing, however the supply is insufficient to meet the needs of households seeking assistance from the council. The provision of landlord incentives creates an additional housing option for households

facing homelessness.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted by the officer making the decision and of any dispensation granted to that executive Member by the Head of Paid Service:

None

Please attach any report considered when making the decision (if applicable):

See attached reports detailing the eligibility criteria and application process (annex 1) and maximum amounts (annex 2) for an incentive payment.