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Called in

Yes/No

**THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET**

Cabinet Member

Councillor Robert Bayford

Relevant Portfolio:

Leader of the Council

Date of Decision:

25 July 2019

Subject:

Response to Monitoring Officer's Report - Gas Safety Certificates

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

No

Brief summary of matter:

Cabinet considered a report which set out the management response to the concerns raised about gas safety certification in the Monitoring Officer's report to Cabinet.

The report set out the background to the identified failure to undertake inspections in a number of council owned dwellings and the remedial actions taken.

The council views the health and safety of its tenants as a critical priority. The council will take all necessary action to ensure that gas safety inspections are completed in line with legislation and to provide assurance to members, tenants and officers of the council about gas safety.

Decision made:

Cabinet:

1. Adopted the report as its report to the Monitoring Officer in accordance with the requirements of S5A (8)&(9) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and agreed that a copy of it be provided to all Members of the Council and the Monitoring Officer;
2. Noted the potential wider concerns about the services provided by EKH, identified as a result of recent developments;
3. Noted the interim measures taken and delegated authority to the Chief Executive to take further interim measures as required;
4. Requested a further report setting out the potential future options for the management of the council's housing stock and whether a detailed options appraisal, including resident consultation, should be completed. An initial scoping report would be required to set out the proposed process, timescale and cost.

Reasons for decision:

The Council considers the health and safety of its tenants as a critical priority. In addition, 5A (8)&(9) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 requires the council to provide a response to the Monitoring Officers report.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Cabinet could have opted not to do anything. However this would have meant that the Council as a landlord would be operating in breach of the law and the option was therefore rejected.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

Councillor Game declared a significant interest as she expressed a conflict of interest with her role as the council's representative on the board of East Kent Housing and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion of this item.

Author of Officer report:

Bob Porter, Head of Housing and Planning

Background papers

Response to Monitoring Officer's Report - Gas Safety Certificates  
Annex 1\_ TDC referral letter to regulator

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

None

Last date for call in: 6 August 2019