

Ref:

Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Helen Whitehead

Relevant Portfolio:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing

Date of Decision:

14 March 2024

Subject:

Adopt new and update current housing related policies

Key Decision

Yes

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

As a registered social landlord, TDC is subject to regulation and legislation by which we must ensure compliance with. This ensures that we provide decent, warm and safe homes and good service to our tenants and leaseholders.

Policies are the rules to which we work by, providing a framework that ensures our compliance with regulations and legislation.

New policies are introduced into the service following lessons learnt exercises identifying a gap or when legislation/regulations change. Current policies require review on a regular basis. They can be subject to revisions after an analysis of how they have been performing during the period or if there is a change in legislation.

There are 2 new policies seeking approval to be adopted and published on the councils website by cabinet and 3 policies that have been subject to a review.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed to:

1. Approve the adoption of the 2 new policies and accept the amendments of 3 reviewed policy;
2. Delegate authority to the Head of Tenant and Leaseholder Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing to make minor operational changes to the policies, as required.

Reasons for decision:

The presented policies are required for the effective operational delivery of the service and to ensure compliance with the Regulator for Social Housing. As a Registered Social Landlord, TDC must publish policies that impact on the services to tenants and leaseholders.

The policies have been developed by front line staff delivering these services and have been the subject of consultation with the TTLG.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

1. Agree one or more of the recommended policies. This option is not recommended as all policies are required for the effective operational delivery of the service and to satisfy the requirements of the Regulator for Social Housing for registered landlords to publish policies that impact on the services to tenants and leaseholders;
2. Amend one or more of the policies. This option is not recommended as the policies have been developed by front line staff delivering these services and have been the subject of consultation with the TTLG.

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

NA

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Background papers

MAR 24 Approval for 5 x TLS polices- Cabinet report
Compensation Policy
EIA - Compensation Policy
Write Off Policy - draft
Write Offs Equality Impact Assessment
Disabled Aids & Adaptations Policy
Aids & Adaptations Policy - Equality Impact Assessment February 2024
ASB policy
ASB - Equality Impact Assessment January 2022
RWO Equality Impact Assessment
Rechargeable Works Order

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

NA

Last date for call in: 27 March 2024