

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2024/25
Decision No.
2566

Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 3 September 2024

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Fareham Housing Repairs Policy - Consultation
Report of:	Director of Housing
Corporate Priority:	Provides Housing Choices

Purpose:

To seek Executive approval for the draft Fareham Housing Repairs and Maintenance policy to go forward for consultation for a period of six weeks.

The Housing Act 1985 (as amended) places a number of obligations on landlords regarding the upkeep of their properties. All social housing tenants also have the 'right to repair' and for these to be conducted within a specific timeframe.

Recent legislative changes and the new consumer standards set by the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) have imposed further requirements around repairs, maintenance and planned improvements.

It provides comprehensive information regarding the Repairs' service responsibilities and processes, background and relevant legislation.

A period of 6 weeks public consultation will be undertaken on the draft policy before it returns to the Executive for formal adoption.

At its meeting of 11 July 2024, the Housing Scrutiny Panel considered the policy and no comments or suggestions were made, other than to clarify the consultation period. This was clarified and is set out in points 24-26 below.

Options Considered:

An updated copy of the Draft Fareham Housing Repairs and Maintenance Policy was tabled at the meeting to include live website links to the policy document that were missing from the published version.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) notes that the Housing Scrutiny Panel had no comments or suggestions to make in respect of this Policy; and
- (b) approves the draft Fareham Housing Repairs and Maintenance policy going forward for 6 weeks public consultation.

Reason:

To allow delivery of Fareham Housing's Repairs and Maintenance policy in line with all relevant legislation and guidance, and to ensure the fair and consistent application of the process/es.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SD Martin (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Tenant Engagement Strategy - Adoption
Report of:	Director of Housing
Corporate Priority:	Provides Housing Choices

Purpose:

To seek Executive approval for the adoption of the Tenant Engagement Strategy.

This a new Strategy produced in response to the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 and the new Consumer Standards set by the Regulator of Social Housing. The Tenant Engagement Strategy sets out the Council's approach to improving how we listen to and work with our tenants.

Following agreement at the Executive on 02 July 2024, the draft Tenant Engagement Strategy was circulated for public consultation from 16 July to 20 August. The report summarises the outcome of the consultation and any necessary changes as a result.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) agrees the Tenant Engagement Strategy, as provided in Appendix A to the report, be adopted;
- (b) notes that the Continuous Improvement Action Plan element of the Strategy will be a live document that will be kept up to date by the Principal Tenant Engagement Officer; and
- (c) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Housing, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, to make any minor changes to the Strategy providing they do not alter the approach and objectives of the Strategy.

Reason:

The Council currently does not have a Tenant Engagement Strategy. The adoption of the new Strategy will support the Council to deliver on the new regulatory requirements.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SD Martin (Executive Leader)

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Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Anti-social Behaviour Policy - Adoption
Report of:	Director of Neighbourhoods
Corporate Priority:	Strong, Safe and Healthy Communities

Purpose:

To seek approval from the Executive to adopt Fareham's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, following public consultation.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 requires Local Authorities to prepare an Anti-Social Behaviour Policy. The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 sets out powers to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour.

There are also powers under the Housing Act 1985 and Housing Act 1996 to assist in combatting Anti-Social Behaviour.

In April 2024, the Housing Regulator introduced Housing Consumer Standards pursuant to the Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023, which brings in a requirement for Registered Social Landlords to ensure that tenants can live in safe environments.

The proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Policy fulfils the requirements of the above legislation.

Options Considered:

A revised page 77 of the agenda pack was tabled at the meeting to show Foot Note 1 which was missing from the published Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy document.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves Fareham Borough Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, as attached at Appendix A to the report; and
- (b) agrees that authority be delegated to the Director of Neighbourhoods, following consultation with the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, to make any minor changes to the Policy that may be required.

Reason:

The report and appended Anti-Social Behaviour Policy set out how internal departments will work co-operatively and in partnership with external community safety agencies to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour and ensure residents of Fareham feel safe.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SD Martin (Executive Leader)

Tuesday, 3 September 2024