

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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