



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date

10.5.2018

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

09 May 2018

Item No.

7

Title

Introduction of Civil Penalties to tackle Unsatisfactory Housing Conditions within the Private Rented Housing Sector

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Jennie Watkins)

Report Author

Helen Chard, Housing Manager

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The new enforcement powers contained within the Housing Act 2004, as amended by the Housing & Planning Act 2016, be adopted;
- (2) Note that the new enforcement powers will enable the council to serve notices imposing civil penalties of up to a maximum of £30,000 in respect of a range of housing offences, and
- (3) Delegated authority be provided to the Head of Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing & Planning and the Council Solicitor to develop and implement a detailed Policy & Procedure in respect of the imposition of Civil Penalties

REASON FOR DECISION:

Implementing these new enforcement powers will reinforce the council's stance on those landlords who do not comply with statutory obligations and place their tenants at risk. The intention is that these new powers will have a positive impact by bringing about further changes in landlord behaviour where current enforcement powers are not as effective in some cases. The new powers would allow the council to deliver swifter action against landlords and enable financial penalties to be received directly by the council and retained in order to re-invest in the Housing Service for the benefit of our private tenants.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The alternative option of not adopting the new powers set out within the report would result in officers continuing to try and manage poor housing conditions in a manner that is time consuming and expensive and would not enable the council to be as effective as it could be in trying to protect the interests of residents.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

SCRUTINY (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):

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Call-in Deadline: 17.5.2018

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Decision Maker:

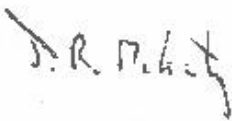
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Managing Director



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Title

Planned Improvements to Manage Demand for Temporary Accommodation

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning (Councillor Colin Organ)

Report Author

Helen Chard, Housing Manager

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the high level of demand for temporary housing and the challenge posed in securing a necessary level of supply be noted
- (2) a more flexible use of DHP having regard to relevant legislation be welcomed
- (3) authority be delegated to the Head of Communities, in conjunction with the Head of Policy and Resources (S151 Officer), Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning and One Legal to approve: –
 - i. Any feasible options to acquire, either independently or with partners, more suitable temporary accommodation, and
 - ii. The development and implementation of an incentive scheme that will provide better access to the private rented sector
- (4) current service improvement measures to assist in reducing our use of temporary accommodation be noted.
- (5) regular reports be made to Cabinet as appropriate

REASON FOR DECISION:

These are: -

- To improve the quality and location of accommodation made available to homeless families.
- To secure cost savings related to the use of temporary accommodation as required by housing legislation.
- To ensure we provide the most efficient service possible to improve the experience for customers
- To enable better control and access over placements into temporary accommodation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The report outlines the various options that are being considered.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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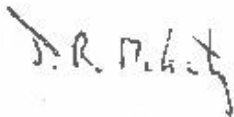
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9

Title

City Markets Service

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy (Councillor Paul James)

Report Author

Jonathan Lund, Corporate Director

Wards Affected

Westgate

Key Decision

Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The Indoor Market will continue to operate from the Eastgate Shopping Centre, Gloucester
- (2) Proposals for investment in the refurbishment of the Indoor Market are developed for inclusion in the Council's Capital Programme
- (3) The Corporate Director is given delegated authority to undertake a procurement exercise to secure a suitable contractor(s) to operate and manage appropriate elements of the City's Markets Service and to enter into contractual arrangements as necessary in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy
- (4) Cherry and White Market Traders are offered alternative pitches/stalls in the City prior to the commencement of the public realm works in Kings Square and that consideration is given to the future Markets offer on the redeveloped Kings Square site.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Gloucester has a proud history as a Market City. The viability of the indoor market has been limited in recent years by the estimated costs of refurbishment at the current location, uncertainty about long term location and questions about the future arrangements for operating and managing the market. This report seeks to address these issues and offer a potential way forward. It will, however, require the Council to consider the need to commit to significant capital investment in partnership with a new commercial operator.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

A number of alternative options were considered and referred to in the report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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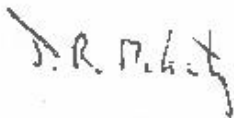
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

Call-in should only be used in exceptional circumstances, such as where Members have evidence which suggests that the Cabinet did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 13 (Decision Making) of the Council's Constitution.

Call-in of a decision must be requested within five working days of the publication of an executive decision. The request must be communicated in writing to the Corporate Director of Resources by at least five Members of the Council.

Implementation of a decision that has been called-in is suspended until such time as it has been considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and re-considered by the Cabinet in light of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's conclusions and any recommendations.

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