

Appendix 2

Cabinet Response to Recommendations

Recommendation	Accepted/Rejected	Comments and/or Reasons for Decision
1) The Council considers implementing a Gloucester city-wide landlord accreditation scheme to promote responsible renting. The scheme would provide certification that the Council is satisfied that the landlord complies with their legal obligations.	Accepted (with Cabinet amendment)	The Council will consider working with the National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA) to implement a Gloucester city-wide landlord accreditation scheme to promote responsible renting
2) The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy writes to the Member of Parliament for Gloucester in support of the proposals in the Renters (Reform) Bill to impose a national registration scheme for landlords of private rental properties in England.	Accepted (with Cabinet amendment)	The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy will write to the Member of Parliament for Gloucester in support of the proposals in the Renters (Reform) Bill to introduce a national Privately Rented Property Portal that will require all landlords of private rental properties in England to register themselves and their properties.
3) A Member Development Session be offered to all Councillors on the role of the Private Sector Housing Team and how they can assist residents who are experiencing damp and mould growth and other hazards in their home. It is also recommended that such sessions are repeated following City Council elections and offered to new Councillors.	Accepted	
4) Where appropriate, the Council publicises any enforcement action, such as Financial Penalty Notices, the Council takes against landlords who are not complying with their obligations through local media. This would raise awareness of the work of the Private Sector Housing Team in taking action against	Accepted (with Cabinet amendment)	Where appropriate, the Council will publicise enforcement action (such as Financial Penalty Notices) where landlords and other responsible parties have committed criminal offences through local media. This would

landlords who have committed criminal offences and help drive landlord behaviour change.		raise awareness of the work of the Private Sector Housing Team in taking actions against criminals and help drive behaviour change.
5) Consideration be given to reinstating an informal link between the Private Sector Housing Team and voluntary advice agencies in the city to ascertain whether there has been improvement in standards.	Accepted (with Cabinet amendment)	The Private Sector Housing Team will consider implementing regular liaison meetings with voluntary advice agencies in the city to improve awareness of concerns of poor housing standards.
6) The City Council website is updated to include an information page, fact sheet or FAQs document explaining the recourse options available to both private rented and social housing tenants who are experiencing hazards in their homes. This resource could include links to advice from specialist housing advice agencies and should be shared on the Council's Social Media and included in enforcement press releases in order to further enhance communications in local media.	Accepted	
7) The Task and Finish Group report on damp and mould and resulting recommendations be shared with relevant colleagues in Gloucestershire County Council, all Gloucestershire district councils, the Member of Parliament for Gloucester and the local Integrated Care Partnership.	Accepted	