

Decision No: CMM – 15

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 88 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD
PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING
SUBJECT: SUPPORTING PEOPLE
COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2011-15
AUTHOR: DANIEL PARSONAGE

THE DECISION

- (1) That the key priorities outlined in Supporting People Commissioning Strategy 2011-15 be approved.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To continue to achieve the positive outcomes outlined in the main report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) It has been previously agreed that a Supporting People Strategy would be drafted and implemented

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Decision Maker:

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Decision No: CMM – 16

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: TENANCY FRAUD POLICY

AUTHOR: HELEN CLARKMEAD

THE DECISION

- (1) That the Cabinet Member for Housing agrees the action points arising from the Internal Audit report.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member for Housing agrees that the government grant is used to fund equipment to introduce photographic records of tenant identity for new tenants.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To effectively address tenancy fraud.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) This report is a response to an Internal Audit report, and as such considers each recommendation of that report in the main body and appendix. The alternative of considering Internal Audit recommendations is not feasible.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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Decision No: CMM – 17

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 90 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: HOUSING ACT 2004 - HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION LICENSING FEES AND ADDITIONAL LICENSING

AUTHOR: MARTIN REID

THE DECISION

- (1) That the revised fees for initial HMO licence applications, be approved, as outlined in the report and that new fees be introduced to apply to applications to renew a licence that has expired.
- (2) That a landlord making more than one initial or renewal application in any financial year should receive a reduction of £24 for each application other than the first one.
- (3) That approval be given for the initiation of a 12 week consultation on additional HMO licensing of HMOs of two or more storeys and three or more occupiers in the wards of Hanover and Elm Grove, Moulsecomb and Bevendean and St Peters and North Laine, Hollindean & Stanmer and Queen's Park, the wards with the highest concentrations of smaller HMOs, including student HMOs, as identified in the Student Housing Strategy action plan.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) The reasons for the report recommendations are outlined in the report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) For HMO licensing fees the alternative options are to leave the fees unchanged, to increase them by less than inflationary rates or to increase them by more than inflationary rates. Leaving them unchanged or increasing by less than inflation is not considered appropriate as the shortfall in costs would fall to be subsidised by Council Tax payers. Increasing by more than inflation and/or failure to introduce a relicensing fee would result in a profit element, which would not be in accordance with government recommendations.
- (2) Alternative options for additional licensing are not to introduce it, to introduce it in more or less areas and to introduce it for a wider or narrower range of HMOs. The proposed areas have been chosen to reflect the greatest concentration of HMOs that are just below the mandatory licensing criteria, as identified in the Student Housing Strategy. It is considered that evidence does not support adding more areas at this time and taking areas away would not fully address relevant issues in areas where they are most prevalent. Introducing it for a wider range of HMOs is considered a disproportionate burden on property owners without evidence of issues to support such additional licensing. Introducing it for a narrower range would not address relevant issues.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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Decision No: CMM – 18

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 91 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: MOBILITY SCOOTER STORAGE

AUTHOR: ROBERT KEELAN

THE DECISION

- (1) To authorise a pilot project to build external stores and convert internal storage space for the storage of mobility scooters at Leach Court and Clarke Court.
- (2) To use the pilot to determine the actual service charges required to cover costs.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To authorise a pilot scheme to ensure that the city wide roll out of such a significant investment project is successful and will meet the needs of our tenants and residents.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- (1) The council could decide that there will be no service charge for the provision of scooters. However this would mean that the cost of provision of scooter storage would be subsidised from elsewhere in the HRA and ultimately by residents who do not use scooters.
- (2) The council continues to explore other options for meeting the increased demand for mobility scooters. Two sheltered schemes have mobility scooters that are accessible by all residents. We are working with Shopmobility who are actively looking for citywide storage bases. If we can provide free storage, they will run a scheme from it where users can hire a scooter for a small charge.
- (3) The Shopmobility scheme would run alongside individual storage options to promote freedom of choice.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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Decision No: CMM – 19

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This record relates to Agenda Item 92 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: INTERIM AMENDMENT TO WORKING HOUSEHOLDS LOCAL LETTINGS PLAN

AUTHOR: HELEN CLARKMEAD

THE DECISION

- (1) That the pilot period of the Working Households Local Lettings Plan be extended until the recommendations of the Allocations Policy Review are implemented.
- (2) That an interim cap of £35000 total household income be agreed in order to be eligible for the Working Households Local Lettings Plan.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

- (1) To ensure property let under the Working Households Local Lettings Plan is targeted at lower income households.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 1) This will be considered as part of the broader Allocations Policy Review.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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Decision No: CMM – 20

Forward Plan No: N/A

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RECORD OF CABINET MEMBER DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: COUNCILLOR MARIA CAULFIELD

PORTFOLIO AREA: HOUSING

SUBJECT: SUPPORTING PEOPLE
COMMISSIONING PLAN 2011-15 -
EXEMPT CATEGORY 3

AUTHOR: NARINDER SUNDAR

THE DECISION

As detailed in the minutes. Exempt item.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

As detailed in the report.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

As detailed in the report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

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