

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE

4.00pm 18 JANUARY 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBER

DECISION LIST

Part One

56 OPERATIONAL REVIEW OF ALLOCATIONS PLAN & REQUEST TO REVIEW THE ALLOCATIONS POLICY.

Contact Officer: James Crane

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That Housing Committee:

- 2.1 Note the letting outcomes for the financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22 and the first six months of the current financial year 2022.
- 2.2 Agree Option 2 as a new Allocations Plan as set out at 4.6 below, to be effective from 1 April 2023.
- 2.3 Agree to commence consultation on reviewing the Allocations Policy, noting the broad timelines that would apply.

57 HOUSING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN PROGRESS UPDATE AND HOUSING PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 2 2022/23

Contact Officer: Diane Hughes

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That Housing Committee notes the report.

58 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Contact Officer: Justine Harris

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

2.1 That Housing Committee approve the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

59 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING UPDATE

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That Housing Committee:

- 2.1 Agree that development of an in-house Ethical Lettings Agency will not be pursued at this time, though Committee may consider it in the future.
- 2.2 Note the progress on the Selective Licensing Feasibility Study and the proposal to arrange a Housing Committee Member Workshop (early February 2023) on options to progress.
- 2.3 Note that evidence suggests a new Additional HMO Licensing Scheme is potentially viable, and if so that required consultation on this should be linked to any consultation agreed to progress selective licensing.
- 2.4 Agree a review of the current Private Sector Enforcement Policy is undertaken and that in the interim where appropriate proactive use of improvement notices is exercised against landlords and letting agents as referred to in 4.3.4. This review will, among other things, reflect the motion passed at Full Council in December 2022, requesting officers to bring a report to Housing Committee:
 - a) Reviewing the Council's private sector housing enforcement policy to reduce tenants' risk of 'revenge evictions' by serving 'improvement notices' and 'emergency remedial action notices' at the soonest opportunity
 - b) Outlining plans to display on the council website steps private renters can take regarding repairs requests and revenge eviction notices
- 2.5 Note the options and restrictions relating to a 'Rogue Landlord database'. To approve further investigation of the establishment a 'Rogue Landlord database' in Brighton & Hove and report back to Housing Committee in March 2023 and will continue to work towards a zero-tolerance approach to rogue landlords as agreed by this committee.
- 2.6 Note activity during 2022/23 (to 30 November 2022) in relation to private sector housing enforcement.

60 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET & CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2023/24 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Contact Officer: Craig Garoghan

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RESOLVED: That the Housing Committee:

- 2.1 Approves a rent increase of up to 7% in line with government legislation as detailed in paragraph 4.6 of the report as amended.
- 2.2 Approves the service charges and fees as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report as amended.
- 2.3 Notes the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and 30-year financial projections shown in Appendix 4 to the report.
- 2.4 Approves the Travellers fees and Charges set out in Appendix 5 to the report.

That Housing Committee approves and recommends to Policy & Resources Committee:

- 2.5 That the updated HRA Revenue Budget for 2023/24 as shown in section 4 of the main report and Appendix 1 to the report be agreed and recommended to Full Council for approval as amended.
- 2.6 Approve a capital programme of £57.791m for 2023/24 be agreed and the 5-year programme as set out in Appendix 3 as amended to the report be noted, and recommended to Full Council for approval; and

That Full Council:

- 2.7 Approves the updated HRA Revenue Budget for 2023/24 as shown in section 4 of the main report and Appendix 1 to the report as amended.
- 2.8 Approve a capital programme of £57.791m for 2023/24 and notes the 5-year programme as set out in Appendix 3 as amended to the report.