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To consider a report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Housing and the recommendations of People and Health Overview and Place and Resources Committees, dated 6 and 26 March 2026 respectively.

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Addendum for Information

Housing Standards and Tenants Rights Enforcement Policy

[Section 7 of the report](#) covers 'Financial Implications'. Specifically paragraph 7.4 says *'The Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have confirmed that they expect to announce further enforcement New Burdens Funding for 2026/27 in spring 2026 ahead of the May 2026 Phase 1 commencement, saying they are committed to providing new burdens funding in future years and creating a sustainable funding system for PRS enforcement over the longer term'*.

On the 14th of April 2026 we received confirmation from MHCLG of our Renters Rights Act enforcement New Burdens Funding for 2026/27 of £225,505. This is in addition to a November 2025 allocation of £104,000.

In the context of the Act and enforcement, the New Burdens Funding will help us to prepare for our new enforcement duties. This funding will employ and train new and existing officers to implement both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the initial Renters Rights Act implementation. Further business planning will be carried out to determine how best to use the allocations to meet the new demands being placed on the Housing Standards Team.

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