

Recommendation to Cabinet

03 March 2026

From People and Health Overview Committee on 2 February 2026

Dorset Council Tenancy Strategy 2026 - 2031

For Decision

Cabinet Member:

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All

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Recommendation:

1. That the Dorset Council Tenancy Strategy 2026 – 2031 be approved.
2. That the relevant part of section 5.3 of the Tenancy Strategy be amended.

The amended text, proposed by the People and Health Overview Committee, for the relevant part of section 5.3 is as follows:

We welcome an approach where any breaches of tenancy (for example rent arrears, anti-social behaviour and damaging property) are dealt with under the normal possession process, allowing a court to consider the case. We expect registered providers to avoid including tenant rent arrears in decisions on tenancy renewals. We expect registered providers to prioritise other methods to resolve rent arrears.

We also expect registered providers to avoid including complaints due to antisocial behaviour in decisions on tenancy renewals. In exceptional

circumstances, if registered providers do consider non-renewal of tenancy because of antisocial behaviour, we expect that community care needs (e.g. social care needs, domiciliary care needs, health care needs, etc.) are included in any assessment.

Appendices

Dorset Council Tenancy Strategy report to the People and Health Overview Committee, which includes the following appendices:

Appendix 1 – The Dorset Council Tenancy Strategy 2026 - 2031

Appendix 2 – Fixed Term Tenancy Statistical Analysis

Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment

Background papers

[Agenda and draft minutes of the People & Health Overview Committee held on 2 February 2026](#)