

Recommendation to Cabinet

21 April 2026

**From People and Health Overview Committee on
16 March 2026 and Place and Resources Overview
Committee on 26 March 2026**

Housing Standards and Tenants Rights Enforcement Policy

For Decision

Cabinet Member:

Cllr G Taylor, Health and Housing

Local Councillor(s):

All

Senior Leadership Team:

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Report Status: Public

Recommendation:

That:

1. The Housing Standards and Tenants Rights Enforcement Policy 2026 be approved and adopted.
2. Delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Health and Housing, in consultation with the Interim/Corporate Director for Housing and Community Safety, to make minor changes to the Housing Standards and Tenants Rights Enforcement Policy 2026 including:

- a. the need to amend the policy to account for known future enactments which form part of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 implementation of the Renters Rights Act 2025; and,
- b. approval of operational procedure notes including but not limited to a methodology for determining the amount of Civil Financial Penalties under this policy for breaches of up to £7,000 and offences of up to £40,000.

Additional Recommendation from the People and Health Overview Committee:

3. The financial arrangements are reviewed on a monthly basis, and that this is reported to the People and Health Overview Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, to ensure that the service is sufficiently funded, and that this reported back to the committee in 6 months from implementation.

The Place and Resources Overview Committee recommended that this was reported back to the committee in 9-12 months from implementation.

Appendices

Housing Standards and Tenants Rights Enforcement Policy report to the Overview Committees, which includes the following appendices:

Appendix 1 – Housing Standards and Tenants Rights Enforcement Policy
Appendix 2 – Draft Equalities Impact Assessment

N.B. Appendix 1 has been amended with minor formatting changes and minor clarifications. The amended version is included within the Cabinet agenda.

Background papers

[Agenda and draft minutes for People and Health Overview Committee on 16th March 2026](#)

[Agenda and draft minutes for Place and Resources Overview Committee on 26th March 2026](#)