



Report to: Cabinet Meeting - 19 September 2023  
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Report Summary	
<b>Type of Report</b>	Open report, key decision
<b>Report Title</b>	Decant Policy 2023 - 2026
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	This report sets out how the Council supports its tenants across the District when it is necessary to move tenants from their homes temporarily or permanently to complete major works or where a property is to be demolished or disposed of.
<b>Recommendations</b>	That Cabinet approve and adopt the Decant Policy for 2023-2026 as set out in the Appendix to the report.
<b>Alternative Options Considered</b>	None, it is necessary to support tenants in this manner.
<b>Reason for Recommendations</b>	To ensure the Council has suitable arrangements in place to support tenants with moving to facilitate necessary works to homes and for good management of housing stock to support our Community Plan objective to create more and better quality homes through our roles as landlord, developer and planning authority.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 A decant is a process followed by the Council when it is necessary tenants to move “decant” from their homes to enable the completion of major works which cannot reasonably be done with the tenant in residence) or where a property is to be demolished or disposed of.
- 1.2 The Council recognises that moving home under any circumstances can be unsettling; so in order to ensure all tenants have information available to them explaining the process this policy has been produced to outline the process we will follow to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum and that tenants feel supported throughout.
- 1.3 Effective and meaningful interaction with tenants during this process is expected of all landlords; keeping them at the heart of decisions and services is integral to ensuring we

keep the decant process as smooth and easy as possible and take account of the needs of those affected.

## **2.0 Proposal/Details of Options Considered**

2.1 The Decant Policy is attached as an **appendix** to this report. Once approved the Policy will be published on the Council's website.

## **3.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, Officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### **3.1 Financial Implications – FIN23-24/1632**

There are no additional financial implications resulting from this report.

### **3.2 Equalities**

The policy has no direct equalities implications although there is an expectation that approaches to supporting decants are varied and will reflect the needs and requirements of tenants. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

### **3.3 Tenant Involvement**

Local Influence Networks (LINs) and the Tenant Engagement Board have been consulted in the creation of this Policy which is welcomed to bring clarity and assurance for tenants around the process and financial support available.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.