

## **HOMES & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**14 SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **TENANCY POLICY REVIEW**

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a revised Tenancy Policy following the reintegration of the Housing Services and new legislation

#### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Each Local Authority is required to have a Tenancy Policy in line with the Localism Act 2011.
- 2.2 It sets out how we, as a local authority, will manage our tenancies ranging from the type of tenancies we will grant, how these can be assigned and ultimately how they can be ended (by us or the tenant)

#### **3.0 The Policy**

- 3.1 A revision was required due to the reintegration of the housing services into the Council, so all references to Newark and Sherwood Homes were removed.
- 3.2 A new statute relating to possession of properties was brought in under the Crime and Policy Act 2014 – updated August 2019. This is a new mandatory possession relating to ASB, and can be used where ASB has been proven in a court of law. So much like an introductory tenancy as long as process is correct the courts have no discretion and have to award outright possession.
- 3.3 Our overall aim is to create sustainable tenancies in appropriate accommodation in line with the tenant's needs resulting in the maintenance of a viable (and future proof) financial business plan
- 3.4 The revised Tenancy Policy has been circulated for comment to the Housing Advisory Group along with members of the Service Improvement Group

#### **4.0 Equalities Implications**

- 4.1 No equalities implications have been identified from the Equalities Impact Assessment carried out which takes into account the specific needs of persons with protected characteristics to ensure the Council's responsibilities under the Equalities Act 2010 have been fully considered and met.

#### **5.0 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 Any associated costs with these proposals they will be contained within the Council's allocated revenue budgets.

**6.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives**

**7.0 Comments of Director(s)**

This update ensures compliance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and gives clear guidance to all regarding how the Council manages their homes from inception to termination.

**8.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

(a) that Members note the revised Policy

**Reason for Recommendation(s)**

To ensure the Council has a current Tenancy Policy in place as per the requirement of the Localism Act 2011

**Background Papers**

Nil

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