

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL
PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION
by
COUNTY COUNCILLOR JONATHAN WILKINSON
(PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING AND COUNTRYSIDE SERVICES)
December 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: Simon Inkson – Head of Housing

SUBJECT: Tenancy Management Policy review

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for a reviewed Tenancy Management Policy for Council Housing.
- 1.2 The report is supported by the following appendices:
 - A The reviewed policy, including tracked changes
 - B Impact Assessment (IA)

2. Proposal

- 2.1. The proposed changes will make the policy clearer and more consistent with legislation.
- 2.2. Reference to preventing and addressing housing fraud is added.

3. Options Considered / Available

- 3.1. No other options are considered.

4. Preferred Choice and Reasons

- 4.1. The preferred choice is to approve the policy to ensure consistency across the County.
- 4.2. The second choice is not to approve the policy. This would mean that the current policy remains in force. There would be slightly less consistency and less awareness of tenancy fraud.

5. Impact Assessment

- 5.1 Is an impact assessment required? Yes
- 5.2 If yes is it attached? Yes

6. Corporate Improvement Plan

- 6.1 This policy ensures that Council Housing Tenants are treated in an equal and fair way in relation to tenancy management. This relates to the Welsh Government's wellbeing goal of "A More Equal Wales".
- 6.2 There are no risks for the Council identified.

7. Local Member(s)

- 7.1 This policy applies to all Council Housing accommodation in Powys.

8. Other Front Line Services

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? No

9. Communications

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? No

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

- 10.1 Legal: The Professional Lead-Legal supports this policy which is in line with current practices and legislation
- 10.2 Finance: The Finance Business Partner notes the content of the report and the amendment to the tenancy management policy.
- 10.3 Corporate Property (if appropriate)
- 10.4 HR (if appropriate)
- 10.5 ICT (if appropriate)

11. Scrutiny

Has this report been scrutinised? No

12. Statutory Officers

- 12.1 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: "I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report".
- 12.2 The Head of Financial Services (Acting S151 Officer) notes the content of the report and revised policy.

13. Members' Interests

13.1 The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest he/she should declare it, complete the relevant notification form and refer the matter to the cabinet for decision.

14. Future Status of the Report

N/A

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
To approve the reviewed Council Housing Tenancy Management Policy.	The reviewed policy ensures a consistent approach to tenancy fraud and is more consistent with legislation.

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	All
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	David Roffey
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	Within one month after approval

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Background Papers used to prepare Report:

- Powys County Council secure tenancy agreement 2008
- Powys County Council introductory tenancy agreement 2015
- CIH practice online
- Housing Law Training support pack; CIH / Guy Wardle; February 2017