

# Executive decision taken by Cabinet portfolio holder



***Decision taken by:***

Councillor Mark Slater, Cabinet member for tenants and those in housing need

***Date of decision:***

23 January 2025

***Subject of report:***

**Civil Penalties Policy**

***Exempt matter (if any as given under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972):***

None

***Key decision?:***

Non-key decision

***Open summary of decision made:***

- (1) To approve the Civil Penalties Policy attached at Appendix 1.
- (2) To delegate authority to the Regulatory Services Lead, in consultation with Legal Services to agree the sum of civil penalties to be issued on a case by case basis in accordance with the proposed policy with the reviewing Officer to be the Head of Regulatory Services.

***Reason(s) for decision:***

The recommendations will enable the Council to utilise additional legislative powers as an alternative to prosecution for certain private housing offences. The Penalties are a quick, easy, cost-effective sanction and a useful tool in driving up management standards within the private rented sector as well as income generating for the team

**Alternative options considered:**

Consideration given to the provisions of the upcoming Renters Rights Bill

**Was an executive councillor(s) consulted before decision was taken? If so, what was the result of this consultation?**

No

**Does the proposal involve any unplanned expenditure? If so, please confirm that you have consulted with the Chief Finance officer and include the date of consultation**

N/A

**Signed:**

Councillor Mark Slater, Cabinet member for tenants and those in housing need

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