

Health and Safety Risk Assessment – Housing Enforcement service during Covid-19 outbreak

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Covid-19 risk arising from carrying out routine housing inspections following receipt of service request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff visiting private homes and meeting with tenants and landlords can acquire the virus themselves or pass on the infection to others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All routine housing inspections stopped. Contact by phone, email and in writing to assess the level of risk. All revisits and planned inspections on hold. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New way of working explained in amended enforcement policy. 	US/TM	TBC following delegated decision	
Covid-19 risk arising from emergency housing inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff visiting private homes and meeting with tenants and landlords can acquire the virus themselves or pass on the infection to others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspections only carried out where there is expected to be a significant Category 1 hazard that is likely to result in an imminent risk of serious harm to the occupier. Inspection takes place in accordance with government guidelines including social distancing guidance and application of alcohol based hand gel after the inspection and hand washing as soon as possible afterwards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New way of working explained in amended enforcement policy. Publication of revised Enforcement Policy on Council website to help manage customer expectations. Government guidance for landlords linked to council website to assist them in addressing tenants' disrepair complaints during the outbreak to reduce the likelihood of council involvement. 	US/TM US/MA US/MA	TBC TBC TBC	