

Delegated Decision

Notice – Environment, Health and Housing Committee

In making this decision, the lead officer confirms that they have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that they are in full possession of all relevant facts, have considered alternative options, and made all practical efforts to discuss the matter under consideration with the committee members who would have normally made the decision as well as with the Group Leaders and the Mayor.

Decision Date:	28 April 2020
Lead Officer:	Tracy Manning, Director of Resources
Matter under consideration:	Temporary amendment to the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy to reflect Covid-19 guidance
Responsible Committee:	Environment, Health and Housing Committee
DECISION:	To adopt the revised Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy and revert to the original policy approved by the Environment, Health and Housing Committee on 11 June 2019 when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None
Legal	The alternative arrangements do not override the requirement for decisions to be made within the legal framework of the Local Government Act 1972 and other legislation. The proposed arrangements are intended to allow decisions to continue to be made within that framework.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	None
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	The inability to have arrangements in place to make necessary decisions could place the council at significant risk.

Background

The continuation of housing enforcement in line with the existing Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy adopted in June 2019 and implemented on 1 August 2019, could potentially put staff and customers at increased risk of contracting Covid-19. It may not be practicable to undertake housing enforcement work in compliance with existing enforcement policies during the Covid-19 emergency.

In recognition of the potential impact of Covid-19 on housing enforcement work, the MHCLG have issued guidance to local authorities advising them to amend their housing enforcement policies for the duration of the emergency. The guidance for local authorities can be viewed here: [COVID-19 and renting: guidance for landlords, tenants and local authorities](#)

Based on the above guidance, Fylde Council's Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy has been revised and a revised policy agreed by the Director of Development and the Head of Governance.

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