
Environmental Health Housing Policy

2025 - 2028

Committee considering report:	Joint Public Protection Committee
Date of Committee:	6 October 2025
Chair of Committee:	Councillor Tom McCann
Date JMB agreed report:	22 September 2025
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Forward Plan Ref:	JPPC

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Joint Public Protection Committee (JPPC) with an update on the work of the Public Protection Partnership (PPP) within Environmental Health Sector Housing and to highlight the high-level priorities which the Service will undertake over the next three years.

2. Recommendations

The Committee:

- 2.1 **NOTES** the PPP's role in relation to Housing.
- 2.2 **APPROVES** the direction that PPP are taking in Environmental Health Sector Housing

3. Implications and Impact Assessment

Implication	Commentary
Financial:	The work of the Housing Team within the PPP is funded from within the existing budget.
Human Resource:	The staffing structure is set out in section 3 of the report.
Legal:	<p>The work undertaken by this Team is governed by a raft of legislation as set out in the policy including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Act 2004• The Housing and Planning Act 2016• The Housing Act 1988• Eviction Act 1977• The Criminal Law Act 1977• Licensing of Housing in Multiple Occupation• Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998• Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005• The Supported Living (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023• The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 • The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 • The Mobile Homes (Requirement for Manager of Site to be Fit and Proper Person) (England) Regulations 2020 			
Risk Management:	The Joint Management Board meet regularly to consider the risks for the delivery of the service.			
Property:	There are no direct property implications arising from these proposals.			
Policy:	As attached			
	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
Equity Impact Assessment:				
A Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?	✓			The policy set out steps taken to protect the vulnerable and address community need.
B Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?	✓			The Environmental Health Housing Policy, by its nature, will have a positive effect on some vulnerable groups. By PPP targeting noncompliance in this sector we can improve living conditions and lives of our residents.
Environmental Impact:				
Health Impact:	✓			The proposals create no direct health impacts on staff. They do however set out community based health protection measures.
ICT or Digital Services Impact:		✓		The policy will be published on the PPP website
PPP Priorities :				<p>The report will impact on the following PPP Priorities (those that are not appropriate deleted)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building Safer Communities 2. Improved Living Environment 3. Protecting and Informing Consumers

				4. Protection of the Environment Business as Usual Activity is supported too.
Data Impact:		✓		Any personal information provided to the PPP will be handled in accordance with the Services Privacy Statement
Consultation and Engagement:	JMB and the Housing Team will be consulted on the Policy			
Other Options Considered:	None			

4. Executive Summary

- 4.1 The Policy sets out the context of the PPP's role in Environmental Health Sector Housing and where this fits with the PPP Vision and priorities.
- 4.2 The Policy provides a summary of the areas of work which the Service will prioritise in the coming three years; and sets direction on the approach to compliance.
- 4.3 The Service recognises the importance of ensuring that the priority of EH housing is increased as this affects many residents and businesses across the local authority areas. It is for this reason that the PPP has developed a dedicated team of officers and a Lead Principal Officer in Housing. The majority of landlords in the PPP area provide well maintained properties and let them responsibly. However, there are number of irresponsible landlords in the district who knowingly rent out accommodation that is unlicensed, sub-standard and/or unsafe.
- 4.4 The PPP aims to support the government's policy to support good landlords who provide decent well-maintained homes but will make use of the range of powers available to improve standards in the privately rented housing sector.
- 4.5 The Service is committed to working with our partners in LA Housing Teams and to that end joint meetings ensure a more cohesive, efficient and effective housing service.

5. Key Changes to the Existing Policy

- 5.1 The work of Trading Standards in relation to housing has been included in this work plan as we have realigned work streams and a Trading Standards Officer is now an intergal part of the housing team.
- 5.2 Due to major changes being introduced in the form of the Renters Rights Bill a section on horizon scanning has been included which details the changes that are due once the legislation is enacted.

6. Concluding Observations

- 6.1 This policy provides guidance to all stakeholders including Members, officers, proprietors, licence holders, employers, employees, statutory and voluntary agencies, partner agencies and members of the general public on the range of options that are available to achieve compliance with legislation enforced by the PPP on behalf of the partner authorities.

- 6.2 It aims to ensure that legally compliant standards of housing conditions are maintained in privately owned residential property and service will prioritise and target resources to improving the private rented sector.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix A – Environmental Health Housing Policy 2025 - 2028

8. Background Papers:

- 8.1 None

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

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| The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or associated Task Groups within preceding six months | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Item is Urgent Key Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Report is to note only | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Wards affected: All Wards or State Specific Wards

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