

Record of Decision

Revised Housing Standards - Civil Penalty Policy

Decision Taker

Elected Mayor on 09 May 2018

Decision

- (i) that the revised Housing Standards – Civil Penalty Policy attached to this Record of Decision be approved; and
- (ii) that the Executive Head of Community Safety be given delegated authority to make minor and technical changes to the Housing Standards – Civil Penalty Policy.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure that the Policy reflects the national situation on housing standards.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 18 May 2018 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

On 4 September 2017 the Policy Development and Decision Group (Joint Operations Team) considered Housing Standards Civil Penalty Policy, which was approved by the Elected Mayor. This original draft has been reviewed in line with developing understanding of housing standards nationwide and as a consequence updates are being suggested.

The updates are centred on the application of the Policy with regard to multiple Management Regulation contraventions. These contraventions are considered as separate offences and therefore the Policy needs to reflect this better. This has led to an adjustment of the fine table (lower end), the addition of scales of fine to provide some flexibility (some Management Regulations are far less significant than others) and consequently the amendment of some of the descriptions and worked examples.

The intention is to continue to evaluate and review the Policy periodically and therefore it was recommended to delegate technical and minor amendments to the Executive Head of Community Safety.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

No – Reference Number: I033618

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
The Elected Mayor of Torbay

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