

CABINET – 10TH MARCH 2022
Report of the Scrutiny Commission

ITEM 9 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING LICENSING SCHEMES

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Private Sector Housing Licensing Schemes.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. It was highlighted that cases of antisocial behaviour would be considered on a case by case basis and that prevention methods were in place to avoid issues. Resolution efforts would be made before action was taken.
- ii. Data collected from consultation suggested overwhelming support of the schemes from residents and some Landlords.
- iii. The council would provide Landlords with anti-social behaviour and fire safety templates in order to support their compliance with the schemes when implemented.
- iv. The communications strategy associated with the implementation of the schemes included liaison efforts using a comprehensive mailing list, public notices, the 'Staying Connected' newsletter, Landlords Forums and consultation events.
- v. The council had liaised with representatives at Loughborough University and had received endorsement of the schemes.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 107 2021/22, 7th March 2022
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