

Report of the Chief Executive**TENURE POLICY****1. Purpose of report**

To seek Committee approval for the new Tenure Policy.

2. Background

In January 2018, the Committee approved the introduction of different tenancy types to be granted to new tenants by the Council, specifically the granting of an introductory tenancy to new tenants followed by a fixed term tenancy subject to satisfactory completion of the introductory period.

The Tenure Policy provides more detail about how the new tenancies will be administered by the Council.

The policy provides a framework of how the Council will respond to and manage certain circumstances that tenants or the Council may encounter during the course of the new tenancies.

3. Detail

The aims of the policy are to detail when and outline how the Council manages tenants and tenancies in the following circumstances;

- Outline the types of tenancy offered and when and in what circumstances
- The usage of licenses
- What happens at the end of an introductory tenancy period
- What happens at the end of a fixed term tenancy period
- How tenants can review decisions made by the Council in respect of their tenancy
- The usage of demotion powers
- How the Council will assist tenants with support needs
- The advice and assistance given to tenants.

Fixed term tenancies will only apply to those in general needs housing. Tenants in accommodation for older people will be granted secure tenancies following the introductory tenancy.

An Equalities Impact Assessment is included as appendix 1 to the report. The Tenure Policy is included as appendix 2 of the report.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Tenure Policy be approved.

Background papers

Nil