

APPENDIX 2

Policy Section	Suggested Change	Reason for Change
1.0 Scope	Minor amendment to wording: Any animals, such as an assistance dogs, that are kept to assist directly with a disability are excluded from this policy.	For clarity
5.2 Types of Tenancy and Pets	Remove 'and Fixed term'	The Council no longer offers fixed term tenancies
5.3 Considering a request for a pet	Remove: •Whether the property is in an Independent Living Scheme	Applications for General Needs and Independent Living properties will be considered using the same criteria. The property being in an Independent Living scheme is not a reason for refusal alone.
	Add: • Any given reasons, for example to support mental health or for companionship	This is an important consideration when considering the application
	Remove 'in any of its general housing properties'	This applies to both General Needs and Independent Living
	Remove 'Permission for keeping dogs will be prohibited where a property is on an Independent Living Scheme that does not have a secure garden and is part of a scheme that has communal corridor areas. This includes Leasehold properties.'	Applications for General Needs and Independent Living properties will be considered using the same criteria. The property being in an Independent Living scheme is not a reason for refusal alone.
	Replace 'Public Protection' with 'Neighbourhood Wardens'	To be clear which team this refers to
5.6 Pets Kept Without Permission	Minor amendment to wording: If the Council is made aware of pets being kept where prior permission has not been given the Council will investigate to see whether it would be an instance where permission would normally be granted.	For clarity
5.7 Pets Left in Property	Change 'dog' to 'animal'	For clarity
5.9 Council Owned Temporary Accommodation	Section added	To provide information on the approach in Council Owned temporary accommodation