

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

To seek Committee approval for a new decant policy.

2. Background

The Council makes all reasonable attempts to allow tenants to remain in their homes while repairs or routine maintenance takes place in properties. On rare occasions, it is not possible and it is necessary to move tenants out of their properties, usually temporarily, while necessary repairs or maintenance take place.

The policy may also be used on occasions where there is an emergency circumstance within Council properties and it is necessary to move tenants out.

The Council aims to avoid tenants from incurring unnecessary household costs as a result of decants and the policy details the assistance that the Council is able to provide in accordance with its statutory responsibilities.

3. Detail

This policy outlines:

- The reasons for the Council considering a decant
- The rehousing options
- How the Council will conduct a decant
- How compensation and costs are managed
- Communication and liaison around decants
- When the tenant returns to the property following a decant
- Decants and new housing developments

An Equalities Impact Assessment is included as appendix 1 of this report and the Decant Policy is included at appendix 2.

Recommendation

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

Background papers

Nil