

Report of the Chief Executive

PETS POLICY1. Purpose of report

To seek Committee approval for a new policy that provides guidance of how the Council will manage requests from tenants and leaseholders to keep pets and how matters that surround their keeping are managed by the Council.

2. Background

The Council allows tenants and leaseholders to keep pets in their properties. For tenants, there are clauses in the tenancy agreement that set out the need for tenants to request permission to keep pets and also how the Council will manage the tenancy in this respect.

The type of accommodation that a tenant resides in does effect whether a request will be granted or not. The policy provides a framework for the types of pets that are permissible by the Council and what additional measures or enquiries that tenants are required to undertake for the request to be approved.

The policy also provides clarification on what measures the Council will take should a pet be kept without permission and what actions that the Council will take should pets become a nuisance and their continued ownership becomes an issue at the property or in the community.

3. Detail

This policy outlines:

- How requests to keep a pet are made
- The types of tenancy and how they are affect pet requests
- How the Council considers request for a pet
- How new housing applicants with pets are managed
- Pets and the running of a business
- How the Council will manage cases where pets are kept without first seeking permission
- How the Council will manage instances where pets are left behind in properties
- How permission to keep a pet can be withdrawn

An Equalities Impact Assessment is included as appendix 1 of the Report. The Pets Policy is included as appendix 2.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVED that the Pets Policy be referred to the Residents Involvement Group for consultation.

Background papers - Nil