

Written statement of a non-key decision

Cabinet member housing, regulatory services, and community safety

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| Title | Herefordshire Council Tenancy Strategy 2021 - 2024 |
| Decision maker | <p>Cabinet member housing, regulatory services, and community safety</p> <p>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</p> |
| Date of decision | 14 January 2022 |
| Report exemption class | Open |
| Purpose | <p>To approve the tenancy strategy as a guiding document for Registered Providers working across Herefordshire. The tenancy strategy is a statutory document. The Localism Act 2011, sets out provisions for housing tenure reform and places a duty on local authorities to prepare and publish a tenancy strategy, to keep it under review and to modify or replace it from time to time. Our existing tenancy strategy was approved in 2016 as part of the revised housing allocation policy. A new housing allocations scheme was agreed and implemented in 2020, but this did not include a tenancy strategy. A new tenancy policy that reflects current legislation and up to date housing needs data is now required.</p> |
| Decision | <p>That:</p> <p>a) That the tenancy strategy at appendix 1 to the report is approved as a guiding document for registered providers working across Herefordshire.</p> |
| Reason for the decision | <p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50038609</p> |
| Options considered | <p>1. The Localism Act 2011 requires that all Local authorities have a tenancy strategy in place. The council's tenancy strategy was last updated in 2016 as part of the housing allocations policy that was subsequently replaced in 2020. The new allocations scheme documentation does not include a tenancy strategy, a new one is therefore needed that reflects changes in legislation and the current affordable housing needs of our community. The Error!</p> |

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| | <p>Unknown document property name. could choose not to approve this tenancy strategy. This is not recommended, as the existing tenancy strategy does not reflect current legislation.</p> <p>2. Changes could be made to the draft tenancy strategy and it could be reissued. This is not recommended as the strategy has been through a consultation process with Registered Providers as required by the Localism Act 2011.</p> |
| Declarations of interest (see ▪ below) | |
| Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply) | 20 January 2022 |

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| Councillor: Cabinet member housing, regulatory services, and community safety (Councillor Ange Tyler) | Date 14 January 2022 |
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.