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**Portsmouth**  
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## **Housing Service**

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To the Tenant / Leaseholder  
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Dear Tenant / Leaseholder

### **Roslyn House Pets Policy**

I am writing further to a recent survey that was carried out regarding the keeping of pets at Roslyn House. The survey was conducted by staff based at the Somerstown Housing Office who telephoned all the Portsmouth City Council tenants and leaseholders during a 4 week period at the end of September and early October 2016.

The survey was undertaken because the Housing Department has been approached by a number of residents of Roslyn House requesting that the block reverts to being a 'no pets' block. It was previously a 'no pets' block prior to a change in policy in 2005. In fact the flats in Roslyn House have been allocated as 'no pets' lettings for a few months now so any new tenants are not allowed to keep pets.

A previous survey was conducted in December 2015 but at this time responses were received from only 28 of the 54 residents living in the block. We therefore, undertook the second survey in an attempt to understand all tenant and leaseholder opinions on this important issue.

During the recent survey we spoke to 45 of the 54 tenants and leaseholders and I can confirm that a majority of 30 want the block to revert to being a 'no pets' block. 15 of those questioned want the block to remain as a 'pets allowed' block.

I have discussed the results with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Councilor Steve Wymess. The next step will be for a report to be put forward for consideration at the next cabinet decision meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

I will write to all tenants and leaseholders again once the final decision is confirmed. In the meantime the block will continue to be allocated to new tenants as a 'no pets' block.

Yours sincerely,

David Sambells  
Area Housing Manager