



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

HOUSING EXECUTIVE

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 4.00 PM

**EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, FLOOR 3,
GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH**

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(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the Minutes of this meeting.)

AGENDA

1 Declaration of Members' Interests in accordance with Standing Order No 14

2 Review of Charges for Mandatory Licensing, Enforcement Action and Non-Mandatory Inspections

... The attached report by the Head of Community Housing is to seek approval from the Executive Member for Housing of the proposed increase to the charges made for mandatory licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO), undertaking enforcement action under the Housing Act 2004 and non-mandatory inspections.

RECOMMENDED that the Executive Member for Housing

- (1) agrees the increased licence fee to be charged for all licence applications under Part 2 of the Housing Act 2004.**
- (2) agrees the increase to the charges made for undertaking enforcement action with regard to Part 1 Housing Act 2004.**
- (3) notes that the Head of Community Housing will undertake an annual review of these costs and report back to the Executive Member.**

3 Change to the Adopted Amenity Standards for Licensable Houses in Multiple Occupation

... The purpose of the attached report by the Head of Community Housing is to advise of the changes in legislation that affects the amenity standards for licensable houses in multiple occupation.

RECOMMENDED that the Executive Member for Housing

- (1) notes the change in legislation concerning licensable houses in multiple occupation (HMO).**
- (2) agrees to the changes within Section 6 to the adopted standards for deciding the suitability for occupation of a HMO by a particular maximum number of households or persons.**
- (3) agrees to the methodology of proactively dealing with current licence conditions as described within Section 7 of the report, which are affected by this change in legislation.**
- (4) agrees that the changes will come into force as of 1 October 2007.**

4 The Housing Green Paper 2007 “Homes for the Future”

... Report by the Head of Community Housing attached.

Comments on the government’s green paper must be submitted to the Department of Communities and Local Government by 15 October. The report puts forward a draft text for a corporate city council response.

RECOMMENDED: that the text outlined within the report be agreed as the city council's observations on the Housing Green Paper for emailing to the Communities & Local Government.

5 Housing Executive - Cash Limit Budget Monitoring Report 2007/08

... Report by Strategic Directors for Health, Housing and Social Care attached, outlining the projected expenditure against the cash limit for the current financial year 2007/08.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

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