



Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Housing and Tackling Homelessness
Date of meeting: 22nd February 2024
Subject: Portsmouth City Council's Tenancy Strategy 2024 - 2029
Cabinet Member: Cllr Darren Sanders
Report by: James Hill - Director for Housing, Neighbourhood and Buildings Services
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Wards affected: All
Key decision: No
Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To present the Tenancy Strategy which details Portsmouth City Council's approach to tenancies for all registered providers of social housing across the city including the local authority as a registered provider.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Cabinet member for housing and tackling homelessness approves the council's Tenancy Strategy 2024 - 2029 (Appendix 1), to be effective from 1st April 2024.

2.2 The Cabinet member for housing and tackling homelessness notes that this publication of the Tenancy Strategy does not constitute a major change to the existing Tenancy Strategy. The changes to this strategy remove reference to the local authority as a registered provider allowing for the publication of the Local Authority Housing Lettings policy.

2.3 The Cabinet member for housing and tackling homelessness notes that there are no changes to this strategy which impact registered providers within the city and accordingly the strategy is not being consulted on. Copies of the republished strategy will be shared with registered providers explaining the change.

3. Background



3.1 The current tenancy strategy expires in 2024 and required updating, at this time the strategy is being refreshed to remove reference to local authority housing as a registered provider to make way for the local authority housing Lettings Policy. This is with an aim to clarifying the separate roles of the statutory local housing authority and the local authority landlord function.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1 To ensure that the council's tenancy strategy is up to date and provides the correct guidance to registered providers operating within the city.

5. Integrated impact assessment

5.1 A full integrated impact assessment for this strategy has been completed and is attached at Appendix 2.

6. Legal implications

6.1 The Localism Act 2011 details that every local housing authority in England has a duty to prepare and publish a tenancy strategy. This updated strategy covers the Portsmouth local authority area and sets out matters relating to registered providers (RP's), who provide social or affordable rents within our area, including Portsmouth City Council.

7. Director of Finance's comments

7.1 A decision to approve the council's Tenancy Strategy 2024 - 2029 does not have any financial implications for the Housing Revenue Account or General Fund budgets.

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Signed by: **James Hill, Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services**

Appendices:

- Appendix A - Tenancy Strategy 2024 - 2029
- Appendix B - Integrated Impact Assessment

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location



The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by: