

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

KEY DECISION YES

PORTFOLIO AREA: Housing & Planning

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: Housing & Planning

WARDS AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: Extension of Mandatory Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation

1. RECOMMENDATION:

1.1 That the Leader of the Council is asked to:

- Note the requirements of the Houses in Multiple Occupation (Prescribed Description) (England) Order 2018 for the extension of mandatory HMO licensing to cover a wider range of property types.
- Agree that the licence fees set out in the report and proposed extension to the term of the licence from one to three years be adopted from 1st October 2018.

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

2.1. This report sets out Wirral's response to requirements of the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (Prescribed Description) (England) Order 2018 made in March 2018 for the extension of mandatory HMO licensing to cover a wider range of property types. This extension is applicable to all Local Housing Authorities throughout England. In order to manage the increased workload generated within existing staffing resources, the licence term is to be increased from one to three years. In addition, the application options and associated fee charge will reflect the administration involved in processing licenses.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

3.1 The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

<p>Signed: </p> <p>Executive Member: Cllr. PHIL DAVIES</p> <p>Date: 17.9.18.</p> <p>Also present:</p>	<p>Signed: </p> <p>Chief Officer:</p> <p>Date: 17/9/18.</p>
<p>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</p>	

A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

Contact Officer: Emma Foley

Date: 24/08/2018

Date of Publication:

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: