

# Council



Forest Heath  
District Council

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Referrals Report of Recommendations from Cabinet</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>COU/FH/18/011</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Council</b>	25 April 2018
<b>Documents attached:</b>	<b>None</b>	

## (A) Referrals from Cabinet: 3 April 2018

### 1. Tackling Rogue Landlords: Civil Sanctions Policy

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Sara Mildmay-White  
(West Suffolk Lead for  
Housing)

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#### **RECOMMENDED:**

***That the new delegations regarding the enforcement powers [described within the Housing Standards – Civil Sanctions Policy contained in Appendix A to Report No: CAB/FH/18/023], be incorporated into the Scheme of Delegation, contained in Part 3 of the Constitution, to enable these [housing standards civil] sanctions to be enforced.***

#### 1.1 On 3 April 2018, the Cabinet **RESOLVED:**

*That the Housing Standards – Civil Sanctions Policy contained in Appendix A to Report No: CAB/FH/18/023, which describes the new measures and sanctions which will support existing enforcement work and pro-active inspection programmes, be adopted; and*

#### **RECOMMENDED to COUNCIL:**

*That the new delegations regarding the enforcement powers be incorporated into the Scheme of Delegation, contained in Part 3 of the Constitution, to enable these sanctions to be enforced.*

- 1.2 Adoption of the new Civil Sanctions Policy will enable the West Suffolk Councils (Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough) to make use of new enforcement powers to tackle the small number of rogue landlords in West Suffolk and improve the wellbeing of tenants. Approval of the necessary delegations to enable the necessary enforcement powers to be exercised by appropriate officers is now sought by Council, as set out in the recommendation above in bold italics. *[Note: to reiterate, approval of the policy itself is not required by Council, only the delegations.]*
- 1.3 Members may view the full report and its Appendices on the Council's website via the above links or may request a paper copy from Democratic Services.