LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement, Councillor Kate Lymer has made the following executive decision:

DRAFT PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY 2021

Reference Report:

Report for DRAFT PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT POLICY 2021, 16/03/2021 Public Protection and Enforcement Policy Development & Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

1) The Portfolio Holder agreed that the draft Private Rented Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 2021 and the subsequent appendices relating to Civil Penalties Policy, be approved for a 6 week public consultation.

2) The Portfolio Holder agreed that delegated authority be given to the Director of Environment and Public Protection, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement to make amendments to the Policy, following the consultation should it be required.

3) The Portfolio Holder agreed that the results of the consultation and the finalised policy be presented to the Committee at the next meeting on 22nd June 2021 and be recommended for approval.

4) The Portfolio Holder agreed that delegated authority be given to the Director of Environment and Public Protection, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement to make minor amendments to the Policy post adoption, should it be required.

Reasons:

Regulation of housing standards in the private rented sector is highly beneficial, improving health and wellbeing outcomes for all those living in this type of tenure. It will also assist in providing a level playing field, ensuring landlords complying and often exceeding minimum standards are not financially undercut by others entering the sector offering unsatisfactory rented accommodation. The Policy will also assist landlords in this sector to understand their obligations and ensure the Council behaves in a transparent and consistent manner.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Public Protection and Enforcement PDS Committee on 16th March 2021 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 15 April 2021 Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 22 April 2021 Decision Reference: PPE 21004