

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE LEADER (INCORPORATING HOUSING & SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS)

MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2016

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Leader (incorporating Housing & Safer Neighbourhoods) held on Monday, 17 October 2016. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in a decision, notice must be given to Democracy Support Group no later than 4pm on the second working day after this meeting.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Catherine Clarke and Louise Cook.

4. UPDATE ON THE LAWS RELATING TO PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR HOUSING (PRS)

Resolved:

- i) That the report be noted and it be agreed that the fixed penalty fines remain at the maximum level in line with guidance to ensure that the laws introduced last year deter poor practice within the sector.
- ii) That it be noted that further changes to the law relating to the Private Rented Sector (PRS) will be introduced sometime in 2017 due to the provisions of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

Reason: To continue to impose the maximum monetary penalty will send out the right message to agents/landlords who need to ensure that they are providing transparency when setting fees and continue to improve the management/safety of the properties they let.

5. REVIEW OF HOUSING REGISTRATIONS SERVICE

Resolved:

- i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- ii) That officers be given delegated authority to negotiate changes within the North Yorkshire Home Choice (NYHC) partnership and that the final proposals, including any decision to withdraw from NYHC, be reported and considered at a future Executive Leader (incorporating Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods) Decision Session.
- iii) That the Housing Allocations Policy be considered at a future Executive Leader (incorporating Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods) Decision Session.

Reason: To offer a more efficient, targeted service to those in housing need.