

DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING, PLANNING AND SAFER COMMUNITIES

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Decision Session Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities held on Wednesday, 20 September 2023. 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 Margo Budreviciute.

4. JUSTICE FOR TENANTS AND PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR ENFORCEMENT (10:11)

Resolved:

- i. That the creation of a partnership with Justice for Tenants (JFT), who could provide support and advice to private residential be supported, including applying for rent repayment orders, through the signing of a Service Level Agreement and Data Sharing Agreement between the Council and JFT.
- ii. That authority be delegated to the Director of Housing Economy and (and their delegated officers), in consultation with the Director of Governance (and their delegated officers), to negotiate the provisions, and conclude the entry into the proposed Service Level Agreement and Data Sharing Agreement with JFT.

Reason: The proposed partnership will assist the Council in bringing private sector properties, and in particular properties which are subject to additional HMO licensing requirements, into compliance with legislation by encouraging tenants to report properties which are non-compliant to the Healthy and Sustainable Homes team to investigate and take appropriate action to resolve.