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# **SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

**WEEK COMMENCING 28 February 2022**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 11 March 2022**

**4 March 2022**

## Public Business

- Denotes items that have been referred to Audit and Procurement Committee.
- # Denotes items that are to be referred to Council. Accordingly Call-in does not apply.
- ◆ Denotes a matter where the associated report has already been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a Scrutiny Board. Where this body has endorsed the recommendations or made recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member Call-in does not apply.
- \* Denotes other items that have been referred to, or considered by, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a specific Scrutiny Board.
- Split recommendations. Please see note at foot of item for details of the recommendations that are not subject to call-in.

Note: The Limitations on Call-in are set out at the end of this sheet.

### **Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities – Thursday 3 March 2022**

#### **Report 4      Petition for Proposed Ban on Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) in Moreall Meadows Estates**

Councillor D Welsh

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities is recommended to:

1. Consider the content of the petition and note the concerns of the petitioners.
2. Note that the Council's Additional Licensing Scheme regulates the suitability of landlords and adds conditions to licences.
3. Note that officers carry out proactive and reactive visits to potential unlicensed and licensed HMOs in response to complaints made by residents and where necessary takes a robust approach to enforcement.
4. Note that officers are to bring forward options for implementing an Article 4 Direction, and this work is currently underway.

5. Note that the existence of an HMO on Moreall Meadows estates is not a breach of the covenant and that because the Council is not a beneficiary of the covenant it cannot take any enforcement action against the freeholders with regard to the restrictive covenants as detailed in section 6 of the report.
6. Note the limitations of the Housing Act 2004 to refuse a HMO licence as detailed in para 1.2 of the report.
7. Note that as a result of recommendations 5 and 6 it is not possible to ban the licensing of all HMOs in the Moreall Meadows estates.

**The above recommendations were approved**

Limitations on Call-in

A call-in will normally be regarded as appropriate UNLESS:-

1. It falls within paragraph 18 of the Scrutiny rules (Part 3E of the Constitution) – ie. it relates to:-
  - (i) a matter which is to be determined by the Council.
  - (ii) a decision of the Cabinet/Cabinet Member taken as a matter of urgency and the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee (or his/her nominee) had been invited to attend the meeting where the urgent decision had been taken or the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee has previously agreed the need for urgency.
  - (iii) a decision made by an employee exercising delegated authority.
  - (iv) decisions of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
  - (v) decisions of the Planning Committee.
  - (vi) decisions of the Appeals and Appointments Panels.
  - (vii) decisions of the Audit and Procurement Committee.
  - (viii) a matter where the associated report has already been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a Scrutiny Board who have endorsed the recommendations or made recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member.
2. The call-in form is not completed correctly.
3. The call-in form is received after the specified time.

4. The reason for the call-in is unclear or does not relate directly to the decision specified on the call-in form.
5. The reason for the call-in is a question, the answer to which can be found in the report relating to the decision which is being called in.