



CABINET WORKING PARTY SELECTIVE LICENSING AND HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

1st November 2024 at 1.00pm

Present: Councillors Aisthorpe, Bonner and Farren

Officers in attendance:

- Carolina Borgstrom (Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Spencer Hunt (Assistant Director Safer and Stronger Place)
- Jacqui Wells (Housing Programme Manager)

CWP.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor S Swinburn and Jackson.

CWP.14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made from members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

CWP.15 DRAFT BUSINESS CASE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A DISCRETIONARY SELECTIVE LICENSING AREA IN NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE

The working group received the draft business case prior to the Cabinet meeting on the 11th December 2024.

On considering the report Members asked for the following information to be included in the cabinet report:

- The five year fee
- The introduction of Scheme compliance officer

- Discounts on the fee for charities
- Under licence conditions there needed to be a reference to keeping ally ways clear.
- On the density of enforcement cases this should include a reference to residents who don't report out of fear.
- Reinforce positive impact around the scheme supporting good landlords and tackling rogue landlords.
- Support for Landlords/tenants applying for grants.

Members welcomed the reference to other local authorities and were reassured that scheme had been successful.

A member was concerned that the fees could be passed onto the tenants. Ms Wells confirmed this could happen and would depend on the landlords.

Members were pleased to see the report made reference to tenants abided by their tenancy agreements. This would make landlords more responsible for their tenants and help to address negative tenant behaviour.

Referring to the previous tenancy guarantee, a member queried if the Council could help residents who could not get a guarantee in the scheme. Ms Wells explained that was not possible at present however she highlighted the new strategy which was being developed would look into this issue.

RESOLVED – That the draft business case be noted subject to the amendments being included.

CWP.16 NEXT STEPS

Members discussed the next steps and agreed to hold the next meeting in early January 2025 to consider the proposals around the two Areas of Action.

RESOLVED – That next meeting be held in early January 2025 to consider the proposals around the two areas for action

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 13.58 p.m.