

MINUTES OF THE Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Monday, 19th January, 2026, 13:30 – 13:45

PRESENT:

Cabinet Member: Councillor Sarah Williams

ALSO ATTENDING:

Chris Liasi – Principle Committee Coordinator

9. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Cabinet Member referred to the filming at meetings notice and this information was noted.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

There was none.

13. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / QUESTIONS

There were none.

14. GARAGE ALLOCATIONS POLICY

The Assistant Director Repairs and Compliance introduced the report and outlined the rationale.

It was noted that the resolution should be amended to take effect from the conclusion of the call in period following agreement of the report.

RESOLVED:

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, and Deputy Leader of the Council:

2.1 Adopted the draft Garage Allocations Policy.

Reasons for decision

3.1 This newly drafted clear and accessible policy provided guidance (including enforcement) on how Haringey Council manages the common areas of its council housing

3.2 The new policy will help the Council meet the Social Housing Regulator's consumer standards, specifically the Tenancy Standard and the Transparency, Influence and Accountability Standard.

Alternative options considered

4.1 We could have continued with an out-of-date policy for the allocation of the Council's garages. This option was rejected because it would not meet the Council's needs to produce a clearer, more transparent policy or the needs of its tenants. Introducing this new policy will assist the Council to meet the Social Housing Regulator's safety and quality standard to take all reasonable steps to ensure the health and safety of tenants in their homes and associated communal areas. This option would also not meet our commitment to introduce updated policies in the Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029 and the Housing Improvement Plan 2023

15. CLEAR COMMUNAL AREAS POLICY

The Assistant Director Repairs and Compliance introduced the report and outlined the rationale.

It was noted that the resolution should be amended to take effect from the conclusion of the call in period following agreement of the report.

RESOLVED:

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, and Deputy Leader of the Council:

2.1 Adopted the draft Clear Communal Areas Policy.

Reasons for decision

3.1 This newly drafted clear and accessible policy provided guidance (including enforcement) on how Haringey Council manages the common areas of its council housing

3.2 The new policy will help the Council meet the Social Housing Regulator's consumer standards, specifically the Tenancy Standard and the Transparency, Influence and Accountability Standard.

Alternative options considered

4.1 We could have continued with an out-of-date policy for the Council's communal areas or not had a policy at all. These options were rejected because it would not meet the Council's needs or those of its tenants. Introducing this new policy will assist

the Council to meet the Social Housing Regulator’s safety and quality standard to take all reasonable steps to ensure the health and safety of tenants in their homes and associated communal areas. This option would also not meet our commitment to introduce updated policies in the Housing Strategy 2024 – 2029 and the Housing Improvement Plan 2023.

CABINET MEMBER:

Signed by Cabinet Member

Date