

Report to: **Housing Review Board**

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Subject: **Update of Tenancy Policy**

Purpose of report: To present members with the EDDC Tenancy policy, updated to reflect changes made to the tenancy agreement

Recommendation: **That members approve the Tenancy policy.**

Reason for recommendation: Changes made to the Tenancy policy are in line with agreed amendments made to the tenancy agreement

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Financial implications: No specific financial implications identified within the report.

Legal implications: There are no legal implications identified.

Equalities impact: Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk

Links to background information: • Tenancy policy attached as an Annex to this paper

Link to Council Plan: Encouraging communities to be outstanding

Report in full

1. Background

- 1.1 The EDDC Tenancy policy sets out the types of tenancy we offer and the circumstances in which each will be used. It also sets out other aspects of tenant management.
- 1.2 The EDDC Tenancy Agreement has recently been updated to reflect changes in policy and legislation, and we have therefore updated our Tenancy policy to align it with these changes.

2. Amendments

- 2.1 The revised Tenancy policy is attached to this report. The following changes have been made to the policy, with the relevant clause provided for ease of reference.
- 2.2 In clause 4.3.3 we have replaced the term “sheltered” with the term “supported”. Sheltered housing is generally associated with accommodation for people over the age of sixty/sixty-five, but as we also offer this type of housing to younger people who have support needs we now refer to this tenure as “supported” housing.
- 2.3 In clause 4.3.10 we have added an additional example where we may not renew a flexible tenancy, namely if a tenant has refused to engage with us in the review process.
- 2.4 Clause 4.3.16 has been expanded to explicitly state the regulations that the review of a council decision not to renew a flexible tenancy is in line with.
- 2.5 Clause 8.1 and 8.2 have been amended to show that the types of succession that are allowed under secure and flexible tenancies depend on whether the tenancy started before or after 1st April 2012. In addition, Clause 8.2.1 has been expanded to clarify that a successor must have been living in the property as their only or principal home at the time of the tenant’s death.
- 2.6 The address in Clause 13 has been updated to reflect the move to Blackdown House

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That members approve the revised Tenancy policy.