

Report to: Housing Review Board



Date of Meeting 31.07.2025

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Exemption applied: None

Review date for release N/A

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## Electrical Safety Policy for Housing - Updated

### Report summary:

This report outlines the updates and changes made to the Housing Directorate's 'Electrical Safety Policy'. These changes are made in response to changes in legislation and to ensure a full and robust policy is in place. The main body of the policy was approved by the Housing Review Board in 2023 and is due for full review in September 2026.

### Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes ☒ No ☐

Policy Framework Yes ☒ No ☐

### Recommendation:

- (1) That the Housing Review Board approved the updates and amendments to the Electrical Safety Policy for Housing.

### Reason for recommendation:

To ensure ongoing robust and compliant management of our electrical safety processes and programmes.

Officer: Andy King, Assistant Director for Housing (Regulated Services)

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- ☐ Assets and Economy
- ☐ Communications and Democracy
- ☐ Council, Corporate and External Engagement
- ☐ Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism
- ☐ Environment - Nature and Climate
- ☐ Environment - Operational
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Place, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning
- ☒ Sustainable Homes and Communities

**Equalities impact** Low Impact

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Medium Risk; Failure to keep our policy up to date with current legislation poses a health and safety risk to the council, as well as reputational and regulatory risk.

**Links to background information** N/A

**Link to** [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- ☐ A supported and engaged community
- ☐ Carbon neutrality and ecological recovery
- ☐ Resilient economy that supports local business
- ☒ Financially secure and improving quality of services

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### Report in full

Attached is the full copy of the Electrical Safety Policy for reference.

The following updates have been made to the previously scrutinised and approved policy:

Page	Change	Origin of Change
1	'Issue Details'	Structure change reflected in 'Officer Responsible'
5	Section 3.7 - Compliance Remedial Work	Clearer detail of code descriptions
7	Section 4.2 - Quality Assurance	Clearer detail of inspection regime
7	Section 4.3 - Non-Compliance/ Escalation Process	Clearer detail on reporting of non-compliance
8	Section 4.9 - Code of Practice	Update of BS7671 version

The purposes of these changes is to ensure ongoing compliance with legislation, and a clear and transparent Policy that supports robust management of Electrical Safety across our stock.

These changes have been approved by our Executive Leadership Team.

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### Financial implications:

None

### Legal implications:

These changes will ensure ongoing compliance with legal and regulatory frameworks.