

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (People)

to  
**Cabinet**

on

7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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**Compulsory Licensing Scheme and Rents Controls  
Reference from Council, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Executive Councillor: Councillor Flewitt  
Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider the resolutions adopted by Council on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 regarding the introduction of a compulsory licensing scheme and rent controls on private sector landlords.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Cabinet is asked to consider the resolutions of Council.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 At the meeting of Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Members received the proposals put forward by Councillor Woodley (under Opposition Business) in relation to the introduction of a compulsory licensing scheme for all residential landlords and rent controls on private sector landlords. Council resolved to recommend to Cabinet:

(a) To introduce a compulsory licensing scheme for all residential landlords in the Borough, such scheme to supersede the voluntary arrangements with South East Alliance of Landlords (SEAL).

(b) To lobby the Government for changes in the law so that there are rent controls on private sector landlords letting properties to tenants and those rent controls to have the effect of reducing private sector rents to the level of social housing rents over the life time of parliament. (i.e 5 years).

- 3.2 The resolutions are therefore before the Cabinet for their consideration.

#### **4 Other Options**

4.1 The Cabinet may accept, reject or amend the proposals.

#### **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

5.1 To respond to the resolutions of Council.

#### **6. Corporate Implications**

6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

None

6.2 Financial Implications

None

6.3 Legal Implications

None

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

None

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

None

6.8 Risk Assessment

None

6.9 Value for Money

None

6.10 Community Safety Implications

None

6.11 Environmental Impact

None

#### **7. Background Papers**

None

#### **8. Appendices**

None