

Towns & Communities Overview & Scrutiny Sub-Committee 22 September 2020

REPORT

Subject Heading:

Pre-Decision Scrutiny of a Cabinet Report - Private Sector Housing Enforcement Scheme Two to Expand Additional Licensing for Housing in Multiple Occupation and Introduce Selective Licensing

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Policy context:

Following the decision taken at Cabinet in May 2019 to consult on a further licensing scheme for private rented properties, Cabinet will be asked to review the results of the consultation and give approval to a Selective Licensing Scheme in Romford Town and Brooklands wards and an Additional Licensing Scheme in Cranham, Emerson Park, Hacton, Hylands, St Andrews and Upminster.

Financial summary:

These new licensing schemes are forecasted to be cost neutral over the 5 year term of the schemes as expenditure will be offset by fee income.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering [X]
Places making Havering [X]
Opportunities making Havering []
Connections making Havering []

SUMMARY

The attached report is brought to the Sub-Committee for scrutiny and comment prior to a final decision being made by Cabinet.

RECOMMENDATION

The attached report on the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Scheme Two to Expand Additional Licensing for Housing in Multiple Occupation and Introduce Selective Licensing has been suggested as a subject for predecision scrutiny. It is suggested that the Sub-Committee discuss the proposals contained in the report and agrees any points, comments or, if appropriate, alternative recommendations it would like addressed when the report is presented to Cabinet on 14 October. These will be addressed by the Cabinet Member in their introduction to the report at the Cabinet meeting.

It should be noted that, unless the proposal is different from that which the decision-maker is subsequently required to consider, the pre-decision scrutiny of the subject prevents the opportunity for call-in once the decision is made by the Cabinet.

REPORT DETAIL

As per Appendices

Appendix A – Cabinet report Appendices 1-8