

NOTIFICATION OF KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

DETAILS OF DECISION	
Title of Report	Southwark Council's response to the key housing aspects of the Housing and Planning Act 2016
Description/Nature of matter requiring Key Decision	Following the enactment on the Housing and Planning Act on 12 May 2016, the council has developed a set of mitigating actions and a communication and engagement plan to inform residents of the changes for agreement by cabinet.
Decision taker	Cabinet
Date by which Key Decision must be taken	19 July 2016
Reason why it was impracticable for decision to be on the Forward Plan	The deadline for inclusion of decisions for the forward plan relating to the July period was the end of May 2016. The Housing and Planning Act received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016. Since then officers have been considering the implications of the act and undertaking internal consultation. Officers have only recently reached a position where they can put forward proposals for consideration at the July Cabinet meeting.
Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in the next Forward Plan	The next cabinet meeting after July is scheduled for September 2016. The Government timetable for implementation of some aspects of the Act is extremely tight with a required implementation date of April 2017. The council needs to write to tenants informing them of the proposed changes and how it may affect them. In addition the council will need to seek and validate information provided by tenants on their income. This will be a lengthy and complex process, and work on this therefore needs to start as soon as possible.
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