

DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Authority to make a minor change to a cabinet-approved landlord services policy

Officer requesting decision (if necessary)

Andrew Staton, Landlord Services Manager

Member making the decision

Peter Oliver, Head of Landlord Services

Recommendation

To remove the prohibition on pets being kept at Lingdale House by deleting the final sentence in section 2 [scope] of the pets policy.

Reason

To extend the scope of the pets policy to those housed in Lingdale House.

Authority for decision

Delegated authority to make minor changes to this policy by the head of landlord services in consultation with the lead member for public housing was agreed by the council's cabinet through recommendation 2 in the cabinet report dated 14 October 2021. The relevant extract of that report is attached here as appendix 1. The head of landlord services has consulted the lead member for public housing and he is in agreement with the proposed change.

Minute no. 42 (20221/22) refers.

The proposed change falls within that delegation.

Decision and date

Approved.



03.03.22

Background

The pets policy was approved by the council's cabinet on 14 October 2021. The extract of that policy relevant to this delegated decision is attached as appendix 2.

Section 2 of the policy sets out its scope and states that it does not apply to tenants housed temporarily in Lingdale House, Loughborough; pet ownership is not allowed there in any circumstances. Lingdale House is a block of self-contained dwellings used exclusively for those housed temporarily by the council in fulfilment of its statutory homelessness duties. The minor change proposed is to remove that prohibition on the grounds that the nature of the accommodation at Lingdale House is no different from that in other council-owned blocks of flats and, therefore, the provisions of the pets policy should apply equally to those housed at Lingdale House as they do to all council-owned dwellings.

HR implications

There are none.

Financial implications

There are none.

Legal implications

Cabinet has delegated minor changes to the policy to the head of landlord services in consultation with the lead member for public housing.

Risk management

No specific risks have been identified as a result of making this minor change to the policy.

Key decision: No

Appendix 1: Relevant extract of the cabinet report, 14 October 2021

CABINET - 14TH OCTOBER 2021

Report of the Head of Landlord Services
Lead Member: Councillor James Poland

Part A

ITEM 8 PETS POLICY 2021-2025

Purpose of Report

To seek Cabinet approval for a new Pets Policy to cover the period 2021-2025.

Recommendations

1. That the Pets Policy 2021-2025 attached at Appendix 1 be approved.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Landlord Services in consultation with the Lead Member for Public Housing, to make minor amendments to the Pets Policy 2021-2025.

Appendix 2: Relevant extract of the pets policy approved by cabinet on 14 October 2021 (sentence to be removed is highlighted in red)

2. Scope of this policy

This policy applies to everyone who is currently housed or is to be housed by us in our rented homes, permanent or temporary. It does not apply to leaseholders, whose lease terms will determine the matter of pet ownership. **It does not apply to tenants housed [temporarily] in Lingdale House, Loughborough, where pets are not allowed in any circumstances.**