

Committee	Dated:
Housing Management and Almshouses Sub-Committee	30/11/2020
Subject: Decants Policy Review	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	4
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	Y/N
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision
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Summary

A 'decant' takes place when a tenant is moved to an alternative home, to enable redevelopment or renovation work to take place. This situation is covered by our Decants Policy, which was first approved by Sub-Committee in April 2016, in anticipation of the decanting of residents from Mais House in Sydenham Hill.

The policy has been reviewed as part of our housing management policy programme. It is recommended for re-approval with no material changes.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Approve the Decants Policy for use by the Housing Service

Main Report

Background

1. The Decants Policy was first approved in April 2016, as part of the project to redevelop the Mais House sheltered housing site at Sydenham Hill. Landlords have clear legal obligations in these situations, and the Decants Policy outlines our approach to ensuring that we meet these obligations and provide the necessary support and advice to tenants to ensure that the process runs smoothly.

Current Position

2. The Decants Policy fell due for review and this has now been completed, as part of the housing management policy review.
3. Our obligations in this area of housing management are laid out in legislation and this is reflected in the policy. The review resulted in no material changes being made to the policy.
4. The ongoing redevelopment project at Sydenham Hill was the first occasion on which a large-scale decanting operation had been completed, and Members were updated on the project's success in this regard.
5. The policy will be relied upon should any similar projects be delivered. It is therefore recommended for re-approval to ensure that we have a current and useful policy to support our ambitions to build further homes on our estates.

Conclusion

6. The Decants Policy is recommended for re-approval, following its initial adoption in April 2016 prior to the start of the Mais House redevelopment project. The recent review resulted in no material changes being made to the policy.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Decants Policy

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