

## **Item 6 - Extension of Mandatory Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupancies (HMO)**

The attached report was considered by the Housing & Health Advisory Committee on 18 September 2018. The relevant Minute extract is below.

### Housing & Health Advisory Committee (18 September 2018, Minute 19)

The Housing Standards Team Leader presented the report which advised regulations extending the mandatory licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) to cover all properties with 5 or more occupiers living in 2 or more households and sharing amenities, regardless of the number of storeys, had now been published and would come into force on 1 October 2018. The report sought agreement to the proposals for the implementation of the extension of HMO licensing, noting the degree of uncertainty on the numbers requiring licensing and impact upon resources and the level of fees associated with the processing of applications.

### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet to approve

- a) the approach outlined within the report to deliver the extension of mandatory licensing; and
- b) the setting of the associated application fees as detailed below
  - i) an HMO with no more than 5 units of accommodation be set at £654.00 with any additional habitable rooms including bedrooms being charged at £23.00;
  - ii) renewal applications be charged at £412.00;
  - iii) costs associated with a change of HMO licence holder, if within 12 months of previous licence being proposed be £306, (after a year the usual licence fee is applicable); and
  - iv) for landlords who have become members of the various accrediting schemes run county and nationwide, a 10% discount be applied.

