

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Councillor Hannah Roberts	Principal Decision	21/06/2018

Private Rented Sector Offer

Decision (s)

The decision is to develop and introduce a comprehensive Private Rented Sector offer in Oldham.

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision		No

Reasons for the decision(s)

The purpose of this report is to gain approval for the implementation of a Private Rented Sector (PRS) Offer. The offer will be designed to increase access and improve standards within the private sector. The offer will be targeted at Landlords and Agents who have an interest or stake in Oldham.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option one – Develop a comprehensive PRS offer that incorporates various services and incentives which Oldham Tenants and Landlords alike can benefit from.

- Introduction of a minimum standards criteria applicable to all landlords seeking to access the Bond
- Promote partnership working to provide advice, support and sustainment for private renters
- Increases housing supply which would reduce the subscription to the Council's waiting list

Option two – Do not introduce a private sector offer operated by Oldham Council and outsource the service to an external organisation.

- This may present a reputational risk for the Council
- Outsourcing will run the risk of duplication should there be a shift in the marketplace.

Option three – Do nothing in the private sector to support selective licensing, improve conditions and increase housing supply.

- Ultimately, this leaves Oldham in its current position; by not seeking to maximise the opportunity presented by the success of selective licensing shown by the amount of licenced landlords and applications received. Lack of follow-up action will fail to act upon the findings reported in the Private Sector Condition Survey (PSCS) 2015

Conflict of Interest declared

Hannah Roberts Cabinet Member for Housing

(Councillor Signature and portfolio)

In consultation with

J. Lockwood

(Executive Director Signature)

Decision made pursuant to:

- General Delegation under the council's officer scheme of delegation. Non-contract decisions up to £250k.**