

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ON 26.06.15

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

The following apply to the decisions listed below:

Reasons for these decisions: On March 16th 2015 Cabinet agreed to proceed with a licensing scheme for privately rented properties. Within this decision a fee structure was agreed that included a 3 month early bird discount before the scheme rolled out on October 1st 2015. It also included a discount for newly built properties being rented out. The fee structure did not include a discount for existing or converted properties that were being rented out for the first time though. Since this was agreed it has been recommended that there would be greater consistency if a discount could be made available to landlords who are renting out properties for the first time. This will help landlords financially and encourage more properties to become available in the private rented sector. It is therefore necessary to amend the details of the original decision so that the additional discount can be applied.

Other options considered and rejected: The only other option would be to continue with the original decision and not have a discount for existing properties being rented out for the first time. This has been discounted as it is felt that the interests of landlords and the private rented property market would be improved by offering consistency in the fee structure.

Details of conflicts of Interest declared by the Leader of the Council: none

Note of dispensation granted by the head of paid service in relation to a declared conflict of interest by that Member: none

CABINET MEMBER'S DECISION REFERENCE NO. 34/15/LR

This is not a Key Decision

Decision title: Delegation to Cabinet Member in relation to the Croydon Private Rented Property Licensing Scheme

RESOLVED

To agree that in respect of the Croydon Private Rented Property Licensing Scheme, the Deputy Leader (Statutory) and Cabinet Member for Homes, Regeneration and Planning, in consultation with the Executive Director of Place and the Director of Finance, be given delegated authority to agree any changes to the licence fee structure which are considered necessary for carrying out the local housing authority's functions and the effective operation of the Scheme.

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