

Subject:	HOUSING STOCK COMPLIANCE
Meeting and Date:	Cabinet – 5 October 2020
Report of:	Roger Walton, Strategic Director (Operations and Commercial)
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Derek Murphy, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health
Decision Type:	Non-Key Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Purpose of the report:	To update on the current compliance status in relation to the management of the Council's housing stock.
Recommendation:	That Cabinet notes the current compliance status which relates to the various aspects of statutory Health & Safety compliance associated with managing housing stock and which is currently managed by East Kent Housing.

1. Summary

- 1.1 East Kent Housing, as part of their management of the Council's Housing stock, are responsible for compliance and the reporting of compliance. Appendix 1 includes the latest report dated 23rd September 2020 provided by East Kent Housing.

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The report includes in Appendix A the compliance information provided by East Kent Housing and covers the following compliance areas:

1. Asbestos Management
2. Electrical Safety Management
3. Fire Safety Management
4. Gas Safety Management
5. Lift Safety Management
6. Water Safety Management

3. Identification of Options

- 3.1 **The Council notes the report provided by East Kent Housing:** The report provides the current position on compliance issues which will help give the Council a picture of the current compliance.

4. Resource Implications

- 4.1 This report appertains only to the current compliance position being achieved by East Kent Housing hence there are no direct resource implications. Compliance is at the heart of the wider management of the service and the resources needed to manage compliance have been included with the proposed structures.

5. Climate Change Implications

- 5.1 The compliance report does not have an impact, either negative or positive, on climate change. Where actions are taken to improve compliance, these will be reviewed on a case by case basis with one of the goals being to reduce carbon emissions as much as is practically possible.
6. **Corporate Implications**
- 6.1 Comment from the Section 151 Officer: Accountancy have been consulted and have no further comments to add (BW)
- 6.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council. "The Solicitor to the Council has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no further comments to make".
- 6.3 Comment from the Equalities Officer: This report does not specifically highlight any equality implications, however in discharging their duties members are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/149>
7. **Appendices**
- Appendix 1 – East Kent Housing compliance data
8. **Background Papers**
- None.

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