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<p>(1) Topic (one sentence description of the decision being sought)</p> <p>(2) Who will take decision</p> <p>(3) Give date or period within which decision is to be taken</p> <p>(4) Directorate contact (include e-mail and telephone)</p>	<p>(5) Principal Groups/Organisations to be consulted before decision is made</p> <p>(6) Method of consultation (external only [if applicable])</p>	<p>(7) Name of person(s) to whom representations can be made (e-mail/telephone)</p> <p>(8) When should they be made by (closing date)</p>	<p>(9) List background documents submitted to Cabinet/Cabinet Member in respect of the decision</p> <p>(10) Is this information unrestricted or exempt?</p> <p>(11) Date first entered in Notice</p>
<p>KEY 38/23/24</p> <p>(1) To seek Cabinet's approval to adopt the proposed Pets Policy.</p> <p>(2) Cabinet</p> <p>(3) 13 May 2024</p> <p>(4) Mike Davis, Strategic Director (Finance and Housing) - <a href="mailto:mike.davis@dover.gov.uk">mike.davis@dover.gov.uk</a>; 01304 872107</p>	<p>(5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dover District Tenant Group</li> <li>• Corporate Consultation (Accounts, Legal &amp; Equalities)</li> </ul> <p>(6) Not applicable.</p>	<p>(7)</p> <p>Rachel Collins, Head of Housing - <a href="mailto:Rachel.collins@dover.gov.uk">Rachel.collins@dover.gov.uk</a>; 01304 872254</p> <p>Verity Johnson, Housing Manager - <a href="mailto:Verity.johnson@dover.gov.uk">Verity.johnson@dover.gov.uk</a>; 01304 872253</p> <p>Perry DeSouza, Senior Housing Policy Officer - <a href="mailto:Perry.desouza@dover.gov.uk">Perry.desouza@dover.gov.uk</a>; 01304 872137</p> <p>(8) 1 May 2024</p>	<p>(9) Cabinet report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pet Policy (draft)</li> <li>• Cabinet report</li> <li>• Equality Impact Assessment</li> </ul> <p>(10) Unrestricted</p> <p>(11) 7 March 2024</p>

**Brief Details of Item:**

(Please provide information about the contents of this item and the reason for decision.)

The current Pets Policy was approved by Cabinet in 2020, however there have been some legislative and regulatory changes since then that now require the Policy to be reviewed.

The Council has a duty under legislation and regulation to ensure that any pets kept by tenants within our properties do not fall into any banned breeds identified in the Dangerous and Wild Animals Act 1976 and the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991. In 2023 the American XL Bully type breed was included as a banned breed of dog after a series of deaths across the country.

The Council is also obliged through the Neighbourhood and Community Standard that our neighbourhoods and communal areas are 'clean and safe', and to ensure that any pets kept by tenants do not pose a health and safety risk (including anti-social behaviour) to other tenants, leaseholders and residents.

The proposed Policy has been developed in line with current legislation and regulation and provides a policy framework for staff when reviewing tenant applications to keep pets, and for tenants to comply with when requesting and keeping a pet in one of our properties.

**Deadline for Item:**

(Please indicate the date and whether this is statutory, operational or to meet the requirements of another agency.)

There are no statutory deadlines set by either legislation or regulation. Once this policy has been approved and adopted by the Council it can be implemented across Housing Services.