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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 28/24/25</p> <p>(1) To seek Cabinet's approval to adopt the proposed Domestic Abuse (Housing) Policy.</p> <p>(2) Cabinet</p> <p>(3) 2 September 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) Dover District Tenant Group, Corporate Consultation (Accounts, Legal &amp; Equalities), domestic abuse and safeguarding agencies, Kent &amp; Medway Safeguarding Adults Board (KMSAB) &amp; local authorities.</p> <p>(6) Survey sent to external organisations (domestic abuse and safeguarding agencies).</p>	<p>(7) Rachel Collins, Head of Housing - <a href="mailto:Rachel.collins@dover.gov.uk">Rachel.collins@dover.gov.uk</a>; 01304 872254</p> <p>Jodi Blizard, Housing Policy Officer - <a href="mailto:Jodi.blizard@dover.gov.uk">Jodi.blizard@dover.gov.uk</a>; 01304 793204</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) 19 August 2024</p>	<p>(9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Abuse (Housing) Policy</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse (Housing) Policy Summary</li> <li>• Cabinet report</li> <li>• Equality Impact Assessment</li> </ul> <p>(10) Unrestricted</p> <p>(11) 2 August 2024</p>
<p><b>Brief Details of Item:</b> (Please provide information about the contents of this item and the reason for decision.)</p> <p>The Regulator of Social Housing ("the Regulator") published its revised Consumer Standards on 1 April 2024 which set a requirement for Registered Providers of Social Housing to work collaboratively with other public authorities and specialist services and agencies to tackle domestic abuse and enable victims/survivors of domestic abuse including children to access appropriate support and accommodation.</p> <p>The Policy has been written in accordance with the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the Consumer Standards. This Policy sets out how the Council will recognise and respond to cases of domestic abuse, therefore meeting the requirements of the Regulator and avoiding the consequences of non-compliance which include a potentially unlimited fine and being 'named and shamed' for any shortcomings in our policy or practice.</p>			

**Deadline for Item:**

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

The Council does not have a Domestic Abuse (Housing) Policy and it is required by law so an effective Policy is needed as soon as possible. Once this Policy has been approved and adopted by the Council, it can be implemented across Housing Services.