

Full Council

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Report of: Tim O’Gara, Director Legal and Democratic Services

Title: Bristol Living Rent Commission report recommendations

Recommendation

That Full Council note the Bristol Living Rent Commission report recommendations.

Summary

On 3 October 2023, the Bristol Living Rent Commission report recommendations were approved by Cabinet. Full Council passed a motion on private renting in January 2023, which included a commitment to bring the findings of the Living Rent Commission to a later Full Council meeting. Full Council is asked to note the report.

The Living Rent Commission was launched in July 2022 to help tackle issues within Bristol’s Private Rented Sector (PRS). Commissioners were made up of sector experts, tenants, and landlords. The Commission developed 29 recommendations, with 23 of these for the specific attention of the Council.

The Cabinet report and the list of recommendations are set out in the appendices.



Consultation

1. **Internal**
See attached Cabinet report.
2. **External**
See attached Cabinet report.

Context

3. See attached Cabinet report.

Proposal

4. That Full Council note the Bristol Living Rent Commission report recommendations.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Risk Assessment

6. None.

Public Sector Equality Duties

- 10a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
 - i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);

- encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

10b) An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out as part of the Cabinet report.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

See attached Cabinet Report.

Financial

(a) Revenue

See attached Cabinet Report.

(b) Capital

See attached Cabinet Report.

Land

See attached Cabinet Report.

Personnel

See attached Cabinet Report.

Appendices:

A – Bristol Living Rent Commission report recommendations Cabinet Report 3 October 2024.

B – List of Recommendations and the Council’s proposed responses.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: None.