

Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 5, To approve the commencement of consultation on a private sector housing enforcement policy and associated fees

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from transport?	None				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:					
None					

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?

None

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

Albeit there no identified carbon impacts or effects on climate change adaptation from the proposed consultation on a Local Housing Enforcement Policy and Civil Penalty Calculation Mechanism, having such a policy and mechanism, informed by engagement with local residents, stakeholders and partners will support the delivery of better outcomes for climate change and the environment, as well as tenants in private rented properties. Changes coming into force on 1 May 2026, introduced by the Renters Rights Act 2025, will apply the Decent Homes Standard as a legal minimum standard in the private rented housing sector, for the first time. By enforcing the Decent Homes Standard, the Council will enforce a minimum standard of thermal comfort in private rented homes, with benefits for energy efficiency and emissions from domestic heating.

Supporting information:

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Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. 2025. <i>Guide to the Renters' Rights Act</i> . [Online]. [Accessed 17 April 2026]. Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-the-renters-rights-act/guide-to-the-renters-rights-act .
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	
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