

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 19 December 2017

**Decision No:** (CAB 17/18 19945)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
SUBJECT:	MANAGEMENT OF UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS POLICY
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### THE DECISION

To review and agree the updated Management of Unauthorised Encampments Policy.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Since the publication of the existing policy in 2005, there have been a number of legislative changes and updates to national guidance relating to the management of unauthorised encampments. Southampton City Council has a responsibility to ensure that unauthorised encampments are managed in line with relevant legislation, and the policy requires updating in order to reflect this.
2. There have been a number of structural changes within the council which affect the internal processes and teams dealing with the management of unauthorised encampments. The policy should be an accurate reflection of the way that unauthorised encampments will be managed by Southampton City Council.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. One option would be to not update the policy and retain the current one, published in 2005. This option was considered and rejected as an outdated policy creates a risk to the council and to residents/customers affected by the policy.
2. A further option would be to rescind the existing policy and rely solely on national guidance. This option was considered and rejected as it is important for the council to have a clear policy in relation to the management of unauthorised encampments.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

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Date: 19 December 2017

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*