

DECISION RECORD ¹

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Subject: Damp and Mould Policy	
Staff Contact: Georgia Hicks (Asset Management Coordinator) / Andrew Garside (Head of Housing Asset Management) Tel: 07702916896 / 01438 242545	Cabinet Member: Jackie Hollywell Portfolio: Housing and Housing Development

1. Decision

To approve the changes made to the Damp and Mould Policy as a result of Awaab's Law coming into effect.

2. Reasons for the decision

To ensure that SBC maintains compliance in line with Awaab's Law that came into effect from October 2025. The key changes to the policy reflect the move from calendar days to working days in the final published legislation. The changes to the policy ensures SBC address all emergency hazards and all damp and mould hazards that present a significant harm to tenants. Additionally, it ensures that SBC is responsive to the hazards in an effective and timely manner aligning with the timeframes specified within Awaab's Law.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

SBC has no option but to amend the policy and procedure in order to comply the legislation set out in Awaab's Law.

4. Consultation

(a) Comments of Cabinet Member

Policy reviewed and approved of this being implemented

(b) Comments of other consultees

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5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Cabinet Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed: 

Title: Deputy CEO & Strategic Director Date: 18th March 2026

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¹ for guidance see Borough Solicitor's note "Taking Decisions"