**Harborough District Council**

**Damp and Mould Action Plan**

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| Summary of action areas:  **Proactive approach to raising tenant awareness of damp and mould, and the support available**  **Proactive approach to raising landlord awareness of damp and mould, HHSRS / housing and health and associated responsibilities and holding landlords to account.** |

**On track code / risk level**

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|  | Completed |
|  | On track, in progress, some issues |
|  | Concerns about delivery/performance |

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| **Thematic Area** | **Action** | **Update** | **On Track Code** |
| **Responses to DLUHC and RSH** | Initial response to DLUHC (Michael Gove letter) | Complete |  |
| **Proactive approach to raising tenant awareness of damp and mould, and the support available** | The Council will provide information on the website to provide support to tenants and how to make a complaint about damp and mould. |  |  |
| **Proactive approach to raising landlord awareness of damp and mould, HHSRS / housing and health and associated responsibilities** | The Council will also arrange and host a landlord forum in 2023. It is proposed that the Council will do this in partnership with a neighbouring authority. This will include information, advice, and guidance on:     1. Damp and mould, and landlord responsibilities      1. Housing and Health / HHSRS, and landlord responsibilities 2. Cost of Living – information, support and referral pathways 3. Grant schemes | Completed |  |
| **Operating transparently, and to be accountable holding landlords to account** | There are other Registered Providers who are landlords in the Borough. Each of them will be required to respond to the Regulator of Social Housing on their assessment, approach and response. The Council will also seek assurance that the social housing being provided by other landlords is safe, and that the Council understand any actions or improvements required. | Information received from registered providers on their approach to damp and mould in their properties  On going regular engagement with local registered providers |  |
| We have HHSRS trained practitioners in the Council in the environmental health team. We are committed to ensure officers remain competent and any new members of staff will receive the necessary training | On going – recruitment of experienced officers is a problem and the team are carrying a vacant post |  |
| **Energy Efficiency improvement work** | Support the delivery of funding available to improve the energy efficiency in rented accommodation | Harborough District Council received an allocation of £440,000 for energy efficiency measures via Midlands Net Zero Hub for the Local Authority Demonstration Scheme (LAD2). We worked in partnership with Platform Housing Group to deliver measures to 76 ex council stock. This work completed in Summer 2022. In total £385,400 was spent on the measures.  Continuing the delivery of LAD and HUG funding to improve energy efficiency and through the Lightbulb delivery a top up Green Grant is available to eligible households.  Green Living Leicestershire Partnership has worked together to develop Statement on Flexible Eligibility for the ECO scheme, but this was held up waiting for guidance from OFGEM. The statement is now signed and will be published shortly, once delivery mechanism is in place. |  |
| **Effective Enforcement** | Adoption and Publication of Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy and Civil Penalties | Policies adopted and available on the website |  |