

**DELEGATED POWERS  
(Report by Head of Environmental Health Services)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The scheme of delegation which sets out the powers given to the Environmental Health Services Division in relation to enforcement of housing standards has been reviewed and revealed a number of additions that are necessary in order to enable the Division's work to be carried out and reduce the chance of legal challenge.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report seeks to make available all of the enforcement powers under the Housing Act 1985 and requests the approval of Members.

**2. THE HOUSING ACT 1985**

- 2.1 The Housing Act 1985 empowers officers to enforce housing standards in properties including houses in multiple occupation.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that:

- (a) The Head of Environmental Health Services and the Director of Operational Services be authorised to appoint suitably qualified, experienced and trained officers to carry out these duties under the Housing Act 1985 and any Regulations or Orders made there under.
- (b) The Head of Environmental Health Services and the Director of Operational Services be authorised to institute legal proceedings after consultation with the relevant portfolio holder.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Housing Act 1985

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