

Policies & Procedures

Policy No. 122

Smoking Sheltered Housing

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1. Aim

The aim of this policy is to outline how the Council will deal with the issue of smoking in sheltered housing.

2. Background

Sheltered housing is unusual in that the accommodation is both a home to the residents, and a workplace for the staff who provide support, and other staff and contractors carrying out maintenance. Recent changes to legislation have been designed to reduce exposure to passive smoking and have restricted the places where smoking can take place, both in the workplace and in communal enclosed areas.

3. Current policy

The council's policy is to comply with all legislation. This means that smoking is prohibited in the enclosed areas of the council's sheltered schemes, including the corridors, communal rooms, and any scheme office. The usual notices will be displayed to advise of the policy.

Residents may smoke in their own homes, but in enclosed schemes should ensure that their front door is closed in the usual way. Staff wishing to smoke during their breaks should do so outside in an appropriate area in a location where smoke does not drift into a resident's home.

Housing Support Officers (HSOs) should seek to ensure that residents, and any visitors or contractors working at the schemes, adhere to this policy,

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Business Improvement Manager

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