

**City Executive Board – 11 February 2016**

**Private Sector Housing Policy 2016-2019**

**Suggested City Executive Board response to Housing Panel recommendation provided by the Council Leader and Board Member for Regulation and Licensing of Private Rented Sector:**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Agreed? (Y / N / In part)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1. That direct invitations to comment should be sent to Parish Councils and any lease-holders forums, in addition to the stakeholders listed in the report.	yes	
2. That the consultation should be promoted through channels such as the Your Oxford newsletter and that further consideration should be given to how the Council can best engage with private rented sector tenants, perhaps through an ‘appreciative enquiry’.	yes	
3. That the Council should make fuller use of the powers available to it to enforce the removal of waste and bulky items left outside HMO properties.	yes	I would want to clarify with Direct Services whether they are finding difficulties in using their full powers and whether we have the resources to do this.
4. That Council Officers are asked to provide an update on the feasibility of increasing the number of free bulky items collections available to tenants living in HMOs. This should include the feasibility of offering free bulky items collections on a ‘per household’ rather than ‘per property’ basis.	yes	
5. That the facility to report suspected unlicensed HMOs should be promoted more widely, including through Tenants in Touch.	yes	

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