

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
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- a General Exception notice has been published under Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has been informed in writing; or
- a Special Urgency notice has been published under Rule 16 of those Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has agreed the decision is urgent.

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Lead Cabinet Member	Cllr John Batchelor, Lead Member for Housing
Subject Matter	Response to government consultation on a direction to the Regulator of Social Housing to set a competence and conduct Standard for social housing
Ward(s) Affected	All
Date Taken	20 March 2024
Contact Officer	Martyn Hilliam, Policy Officer, Martyn.hilliam@scambs.gov.uk
Date Published	22 March 2024
Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in	2 April 2024
Key Decision?	No
In Forward Plan?	No
Urgent?	Yes – deadline for response to consultation 2 April 2024

Purpose / Background
To respond to a government consultation on consultation for a direction to the Regulator of Social Housing to set a competence and conduct standard for social housing
The government is introducing a mandatory qualification for senior housing managers to obtain a qualification diploma/degree level qualification in housing management and for all social landlords to have a code of conduct.

Declaration(s) of Interest <i>Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.</i>

None

Dispensation(s)

In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.

None

Consultation

Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.

None

Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection

Option not to respond to the consultation. Given the importance of the impact on the council's landlord function it is important for the local authority views to be known.

Final decision	Reason(s)
Lead Member	Given its importance. The council view should be submitted

Signed	Name (CAPITALS)	Signature	Date
Lead Cabinet Member			
Chief Officer			

Further Information

A copy of the proposed response is attached as Appendix A