

Selective Licensing

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE



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PURPOSE

1. To update the Executive on procedural changes to the process for creating Selective Licensing designations, which took effect on 23rd December 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Executive notes that it approved the areas of Trinity, Gannow, Queensgate, Daneshouse and Stoneyholme and Padiham as selective licensing areas on 14th August 2024 (minute 11 (i)) refers) and it re-affirms that decision
3. That the Executive approves
 - i. the making of the Designations of the selective licensing areas of Trinity, Gannow, Queensgate, Daneshouse and Stoneyholme and Padiham on 27th January 2025; and
 - ii. that the approved Designations will come into force on 27th April 2025.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. To ensure that the scheme is properly approved according to the latest requirements.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

5. The scheme was originally approved by the Executive on 14th August 2024 for the submission to the Secretary of State to designate the following areas to be Selective Licence areas;
 - a. Trinity
 - b. Queensgate

- c. Gannow
- d. Daneshouse and Stoneyholme
- e. Padiham

6. The Housing and Planning Minister on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister issued a new general approval for Selective Licensing, taking effect from the 23rd December 2024. This new approval enables local housing authorities to introduce schemes of any size without needing the approval from the Secretary of State. This was announced in the English Devolution White Paper [English Devolution White Paper - GOV.UK](#)

This change means that the application the Executive approved in August 2024 no longer requires confirmation from the Secretary of State.

7. A designation cannot come into force until 3 months after it is made. It is therefore requested that the Executive agrees to the making of the designations of the selective licencing areas on the 27th January 2025. This will enable a date to be set to allow officers to complete all statutory requirements under Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004, in relation to notification timeframes.
8. A copy of the August 2024 report approved by Executive can be found here: <https://burnley.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s41641/Executive%20Report%20-%20Selective%20Licensing%20Consultation%20results.pdf>

A copy of the August 2024 Executive meeting minutes can be found here: <https://burnley.moderngov.co.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=27694>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

9. No further financial implications and budget provision since the approved August 2024 Executive meeting.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

10. The proposals in this report if approved will continue and expand the Council's programme of selective landlord licensing.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

11. As contained within the body of the report attached as Hyperlink.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. None

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