

BUSINESS USE POLICY

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1 STATEMENT ON POLICY

- 1.1 Cambridge City Council recognises that in a modern environment more people are choosing to work from home.
- 1.2 As part of their Tenancy Agreement tenants are required to seek our permission to use their home for business purposes.
- 1.3 Cambridge City Council will not unreasonably withhold permission but may attach conditions to its written permission.

2 KEY ISSUES FOR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

- 2.1 The Housing Officer will consider any impact on the local community in terms of nuisance, parking, deliveries etc. We may consult with adjoining or interested neighbours who might reasonably be affected by the request.
- 2.2 The Housing Officer will consult with other relevant departments such as planning.
- 2.3 In some circumstances the City Council will ask to inspect the property to check on its suitability.
- 2.4 Permission will only be granted if the application is in line with reasonable day-to-day business use and at no time should the property cease to be used for residential purposes.
- 2.5 In granting business use permission, the council may include reasonable conditions, which if breached, will result in the permission being withdrawn. If the tenant continues to run a business without permission they will be in breach of their Tenancy Agreement and the Council will look to take further action.

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