

**CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL**  
Record of Executive Decision

**Testing of Electrical Wiring Installations in Council Houses**

<b>Decision of:</b>	<b>Councillor Johnson</b> , Executive Councillor for		
<b>Reference:</b>	19/URGENCY/HSC/3		
<b>Date of decision:</b>	14 March 2019	<b>Published on:</b>	22 March 2019
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Non Key Decision		
<b>Matter for Decision:</b>	Approval of an additional budget allocation of £208,000 required to achieve 100% compliance with electrical wiring installations in Council houses.		
<b>Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):</b>	<p>Testing of electrical wiring installations in Council houses is currently carried out on a ten year cycle. A recent audit has shown more gaps than expected, and having identified the properties we recommend taking the opportunity to catch up and seek to achieve 100% compliance in 2019/20 (this will depend on tenants allowing access).</p> <p>In auditing records we have identified:</p> <p><b>1295</b> Properties without any details or dates of previous electrical inspections.</p> <p><b>306</b> Properties where an electrical inspection has not been undertaken in the last 10 years</p> <p>The reasons for failure are complex dating back over a ten year period. However, the audit will be used to put in place more rigorous systems of checking and updating certificate records to ensure ongoing compliance.</p>		
<b>The Executive Councillor's decision(s):</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Agree that the work required to complete the backlog of electrical inspections is carried out in 2019/20</li><li>ii. Approve an additional budget allocation of £208,000 to complete this work.</li></ol>		
<b>Reasons for the</b>	As detailed in the Officer's briefing note.		

**decision:**

**Scrutiny consideration:** The Chair and Spokesperson of Housing Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

**Report:** A report detailing the background and financial considerations is attached.

**Conflicts of interest:** None

**Comments:** No Comments received