

**Agenda Item 12.**  
**Executive - 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011**  
**Recommended Item from Safe and Inclusive Scrutiny Committee**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011**

**Patch Management Policies – Running a Business from Home and Illegal Occupiers**

**625. PATCH MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

The Head of Housing submitted two policies for Members consideration.

They had both been developed through the Patch Management group and were applicable to Council tenants.

The first on 'Illegal Occupiers' was a policy on how to deal with illegal occupiers and squatters in Council properties and the second was on 'Running a Business at a Council Property' .

There is currently no policy in place to deal with either.

The Head of Housing also informed the meeting that the Government had just agreed a National Housing Strategy, which includes information on how to deal with unlawfully occupied homes and how all Local Authorities would be expected to address this issue.

Moved by Councillor K. Walker, seconded by Councillor A. Anderson

**RECOMMENDED** that (1) the Illegal Occupiers Policy be adopted

(2) the Running a Business at a Council Property Policy be adopted.

(Executive)