

ABANDONED VEHICLE POLICY

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of the Abandoned Vehicle Policy is to ensure that the appearance of the neighbourhoods that Stockport Homes Limited (SHL) manage are maintained at an excellent level in line with the Estate Inspection and Customer Walkabout Policy.

1.2 It is the responsibility of all staff (including contractors and other working on behalf of SHL) to report issues they find on the estates in line with the eyes wide open approach detailed in the Eyes Wide Open Policy Statement.

1.3 For the purpose of this policy, any mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads, whether or not it is in a fit state for such use, is classed as a vehicle. This includes any trailer intended or adapted for use as an attachment to a vehicle, any chassis or body, with or without wheels, appearing to have formed part of a vehicle or trailer and anything attached to a trailer. Examples include: cars, motorbikes, campervans, caravans, trailers, boats.

1.4 Abandoned vehicles impact on the appearance of the neighbourhoods that SHL manage and can cause a risk to customers and properties within the area. They incur costs to remove and can be the result of, or lead to crime. Abandoned vehicles can quickly become dangerous when vandalised and there is a risk of explosion or injury if they leak dangerous fluids or catch fire.

2 STRATEGIC LINKS

2.1 This policy links in with several SHL policies and strategies which ensures action is being taken to continually improve the appearance of neighbourhoods. These are;

- Tenancy Visits Policy
- Eyes Wide Open Policy Statement
- Estate Inspections and Customer Walkabout Policy
- Greenspace Strategy and Action Plan.

3 KEY FEATURES OF THE POLICY

3.1 SHL will provide guidance to staff to enable a consistent approach in taking action against abandoned vehicles.

3.2 Neighbourhood and Support teams will work closely with Stockport Council to ensure action is being taken against abandoned vehicles across the borough.

4 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

4.1 An EIA screening form has been completed and has determined that a full EIA is not required.

4.2 As part of the assessment, it was determined that appropriate contact with relevant persons in order to identify potential owners of an abandoned vehicle is undertaken. Such contact could be written letters or face to face. The use of interpreters should be considered to those whose language is not English.

5 OWNERSHIP, MONITORING & REVIEW

5.1 This policy is owned by the Neighbourhoods and Support Services Directorate. This policy will be monitored by the Policy Review Group and reviewed in line with the Policy Review Group schedule.

5.2 Any queries with the policy should be forwarded to the Project Officer on 0161 474 4151.