

MEMBER ITEM/ COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE AGENDA - MEETING: 25 OCTOBER 2012**

This form must be received by Member Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, before 12 noon on Friday 12 October 2012.

Any forms sent by fax should be sent to 01695 585082.

Please advise Member Services on 01695 585016 if at any time you wish to withdraw this item following receipt of further information or e-mail member.services@westlancs.gov.uk

Councillor:	(Name of Member requesting the item)
Subject:	Housing Allocations
1. What are your reasons for requesting the item:	
<p>There seems to be confusion about how homes and tenancies are allocated across the district.</p> <p>Some long standing residents of the Borough are concerned that they are being overlooked in favour of foreign workers and their families.</p> <p>Private Landlords have written to us requesting clarification of the policy as their tenants are leaving their tenancies owing hundreds of pounds in rent because WLBC have offered them homes, without relevant or proper references.</p> <p>I believe the time is right for the policy to be over viewed and scrutinised so that we all understand the policy and procedure.</p>	
2. What outcome would you wish to see following discussion of the item?	
<p>Clarification of the policy</p> <p>Scrutiny of it's fairness to all residents</p> <p>Reduce queue jumping</p> <p>An understanding of the Policy</p> <p>If required, propose some recommendations for amendments to the policy</p>	

3. What have you already done to resolve this issue?

I have on a number of occasions enquired about the policy but keep getting different answers or explanations.

Potential means of pursuing an issue before resorting to a Member Item/CCfA:

- Raise Ward Issue as a 'Patch Problem'
- Discuss issue with an appropriate officer from the Council Service or Agency
- Discuss issue with an appropriate Cabinet member
- Raise the issue with partner agency, eg. Police, PCT, etc.
- Write formal letters on behalf of constituents
- Use official complaints procedure or other official route
- Put forward the issue as a topic for inclusion on an O&S work programme

The following are potential reasons why your Member Item/CCfA may not be considered further:

- The issue is an individual case
- You have not explored the issue fully and exhausted all avenues above
- A review into the general issue is included in an O&S work programme
- A petition is being submitted to the Council
- A complaint is being or has been submitted and the outcome is awaited
- A FOI request is being or has been made and the outcome is awaited
- Scrutiny of the issue is unlikely to result in improvements for local people
- The issue has been the subject of Executive Call In
- The issue has been the subject of a Council Motion / Question
- The issue is urgent and could be more speedily resolved by other means

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