



**AGENDA ITEM: 12**

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW  
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**8 APRIL 2009**

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**Report of: Executive Manager Housing and Property Maintenance Services**

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**SUBJECT: HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY**

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District wide interest

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek any views of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee before Cabinet deciding any changes to the Housing Allocation Policy.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

2.1 That any comments of this Committee be forwarded to Cabinet at their meeting on 16 June 2009 in order that they can make an informed decision.

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**3.0 BACKGROUND**

3.1 I attach a copy of the report which is going to the Cabinet meeting on 16 June 2009. (Appendix 1).

## **4.0 CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 The current position is that it has become necessary to make some technical and operational changes to the Allocations Policy to ensure that this is fair and equitable for applicants.
- 4.2 In order that Cabinet can receive the views of others before making a final decision consultation is taking place with the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee and also the Tenants' and Residents' Forum.

## **5.0 ISSUES**

- 5.1 The attached report highlights the issues and proposals to make the policy more robust.
- 5.2 It would be helpful if the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee were to let Cabinet have their views on this matter in order that an informed decision can be made at their meeting on 16 June.

## **6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

- 6.1 See Appendix A.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial or resource implications arising directly from this report.

## **8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 8.1 A risk assessment was carried out on the existing Allocations Policy and it was felt that this needed to be amended at the current time to address some issues since the Allocations Policy came into force. It is felt that the time is right to address these issues prior to moving forward on Choice Based Lettings.

## **9.0 CONCLUSIONS**

- 9.1 It is felt that the existing Allocations Policy needs to be amended for the reasons set out in the attached report and it would be helpful for Cabinet to receive Members' views on this.
  - 9.2 Equally, the views of the Tenants and Residents are being sought via their Forum prior to the next Cabinet meeting on 16 June.
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### **Background Documents**

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

There is no evidence from an initial assessment of an adverse impact on equality in relation to the equality target groups.

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Review of the Housing Allocations Policy – Cabinet Report