

Report to the Housing Scrutiny Panel
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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Housing – Councillor M Heavens

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Subject: Choice Based Lettings

Decision:

The Housing Scrutiny Panel are asked to consider the attached draft report on Choice Based Lettings and pass on their comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder prior to any decision being made.

Background Report:

1. At its meeting on 24 May 2004, the Cabinet agreed the recommendations of the former Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1) that the Council adopts a move towards a Choice Based Lettings system in principle. This followed detailed examinations of the principles and issues at a number of meetings by the former Working Group on Housing.
2. The new Overview and Scrutiny Committee have set a work programme for the Housing Scrutiny Panel for 2005/2006, within which item (4) requires the Panel to advise on the implementation of Choice Based Lettings.
3. The Housing Portfolio Holder is required to make the executive decision on introducing a Choice Based Lettings scheme within a short timescale for the reasons set out in the attached draft report.
4. Prior to the decision being taken, the Housing Scrutiny Panel are being asked to consider the draft report to the Housing Portfolio Holder, and to pass on any comments prior to the decision being made.