

Report to the Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: 11 September 2006

Portfolio: Housing

Subject: Choice Based Lettings



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Recommendations:

- 1. That, the Housing Scrutiny Panel considers the Specification for the implementation and day to day operational requirements of the Choice Based Lettings Scheme for the external Choice Based Lettings Agency and passes on any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder prior to it being approved; and**
- 2. That, the progress made on the implementation of the Choice Based Lettings Scheme for all the Council's vacant social rented properties be noted.**

Report:

- 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.
- The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have set a work programme for the Housing Scrutiny Panel for 2006/2007, which requires the Panel to oversee the implementation of Choice Based Lettings.
- The Panel is asked to consider the attached report to the Housing Portfolio Holder that sets out the current position with the implementation of the Choice Based Lettings Scheme. In particular, attention is drawn to the draft Specification for the day-to-day management of the scheme by an external Choice Based Lettings Agency. The Panel is asked to consider the draft Specification and pass on any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder prior to his approval
- Since the draft Specification had not been finalised by the date of despatch, it will be circulated to Members of the Panel separately in advance of the meeting.