

Report to the Housing Scrutiny Panel

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Subject: Review of the Housing Allocations Scheme

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Decision:

That the Housing Scrutiny Panel considers the attached draft report on the review of the Housing Allocations Scheme, prior to consultation with the Tenants and Leaseholders Federation, registered social landlords operating in the District and local councils, and pass on their comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder for his consideration prior to its submission to the Cabinet.

Background Report:

1. The Council is legally required to have an Allocations Scheme setting out the procedures for allocating its housing accommodation and making nominations to Registered Social Landlords (RSLs). Each year the Cabinet considers the Council's Allocations Scheme and reviews any changes to be made.
2. The Housing Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the attached report on proposed changes to the Allocations Scheme to take effect from 1 April 2007, and the changes needed to meet with the requirements of the Choice Based Lettings Scheme to be implemented later in 2007. The Panel's comments will be considered by the Housing Portfolio Holder, prior to the report being submitted to the Cabinet.
3. Following the Housing Scrutiny Panel's meeting, the Tenants and Leaseholders Federation, all RSLs operating within the District and all local councils will be consulted on the proposed changes, with their comments taken into account by the Housing Portfolio Holder prior to reporting to the Cabinet.