Report of the Chief Executive

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION POLICY

1. Purpose of report

To seek Committee approval for a new policy that provides guidance of how the Council will manage temporary accommodation provided to residents, specifically those who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness.

2. Background

The Housing Act, the Homelessness Reduction Act and the Code of Guidance outline the legal duties that the Council has to accommodate those clients that are eligible, homeless, at risk of homelessness and in priority need.

The policy outlines the different accommodation that is provided by the Council and how it is managed and maintained as well as some of the factors that are taken into account and the decisions that are made in respect of those within the scope of the Policy.

3. Detail

This policy outlines;

- The types of accommodation provided
- The factors involved in assessing the suitability of a placement
- The management of temporary accommodation
- The usage of licences
- The support that is provided to those within the accommodation
- How offers and refusals are managed
- How the discharge of duty and eviction processes are managed

An Equalities Impact Assessment is included as appendix 1 of the Report. The Temporary Accommodation Policy is included as appendix 2.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Temporary Accommodation Policy be approved.

Background papers

Nil