

Report of the Chief Executive

ALLOCATIONS POLICY1. Purpose of report

To seek Committee approval for a new Allocations Policy.

2. Background

On 17 January 2018 Housing Committee approved a draft Allocations Policy and for consultation on the policy to begin. The consultation has now been completed. The purpose of the Allocations Policy is to set out who can apply for social housing, how priority is given to different applicants and how the housing register is maintained.

3. Detail

The Housing Act 1985 Section 166A(13) requires authorities, before adopting an allocation scheme, or altering a scheme to reflect a major change of policy, to send a copy of the draft scheme, or proposed alteration, to every Private Registered Provider with which they have nomination arrangements, and ensure they have a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposals.

In addition to our statutory requirements, consultation was also carried out with staff and members of the Resident Involvement Group. An online consultation was also available and was promoted through the Tenant and Leaseholder Matters newsletter and via social media. An Equalities Impact Assessment is included as appendix 1, a summary of the consultation responses and how they have been addressed is provided in appendix 2 and the Allocations Policy is attached at appendix 3.

The new policy will be implemented in November 2018, to provide sufficient time to make changes and inform applicants.

3. Financial implications

All of the work that will need to be completed to ensure that applications meet the requirements of the new Allocations Policy can be achieved through existing budgets and current staff resource.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Allocations Policy is approved.

Background papers

Nil