



Housing Select Committee

Report title: Allocations consultation

Date: 28 January 2021

Key decision: No.

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

The purpose of the attached papers is to provide the Housing Select Committee with a comprehensive update on the recent housing allocation policy review and subsequent public consultation on the proposed changes.

- Members of the Housing Select Committee are recommended to note and comment on the report.

1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Housing Select Committee with a comprehensive update on the housing allocation policy review and subsequent public consultation on the proposed changes.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the Housing Select Committee are recommended to note the report.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The Council's *Corporate Strategy 2018-2022* outlines the Council's vision to deliver for residents over the next four years and includes the following priority relevant to this item:

1. **Tackling the housing crisis** - Ensuring everyone has a decent home that is secure and affordable.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

6. Equalities implications

- 6.1. Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

7. Climate change and environmental implications

- 7.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

8. Crime and disorder implications

- 8.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

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9. Health and wellbeing implications

- 9.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

10. Report contact

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