## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION**

**Present:** Mayor Dorothy Thornhill

Also Present: Head of Housing

1.	Date of decision	19 March 2018
2.	Portfolio Holder:	Mayor Dorothy Thornhill
3.	Decision title	Changes needed to the Housing Nomination Policy because of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 (HRA17) coming into force
4.	Decision taken	To accept Housing Register applications from the following new categories of applicant:  • Those to whom the council owes a Prevention Duty under the HRA17, that is, they are threatened with homelessness in the next 56 days.  • Those to whom the council owes a Relief Duty under the HRA17, that is, they are actually homeless  • Those who are care leavers under 21 years of age placed in the borough by another local authority under S22A of the Children Act 1989, that is, they have established a local connection, having been placed in the borough for at least 2 years and being between the ages of 16 and up to 21.  And that applications received from these new categories of applicants will be placed in Band D and prioritised for any vacant housing association homes in date order of application.

5.	How decision was reached  (i.e. factors taken into account in reaching this decision)	A meeting of Portfolio Holders, including the Mayor of Watford, agreed the above decision at their meeting on Monday 19 March 2018.
6.	Deadline for call-in	N/A by permission of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee
	3 Councillors not on Cabinet can ask for the decision to be called-in and examined by the Call-In and Performance Scrutiny Committee.	
	<ul> <li>Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Committee Services Manager</li> </ul>	

Date of Issue: 28.03.18