

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DELEGATED DECISION

Present: Mayor Dorothy Thornhill

Also Present: Head of Community Services
Interim Housing Needs Manager

1.	DATE OF DECISION	14 November 2011
2.	PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Portfolio Holder for Community Services
3.	DECISION TITLE	To approve minor amendments to the Housing Nominations Policy as an interim measure to address current pressures on temporary accommodation.
4.	DECISION TAKEN	To agree the following: 1 Reduce the period allowed for homeless households to bid on their own from three months to one month. 2 Increase the banding of households giving up two bedroom property from C to B 3 That these recommendations are implemented as soon as practicable and reviewed after 6 months so that impacts can be assessed pending the full review of the Nomination Policy in response to local and national policy changes.
5.	HOW DECISION WAS REACHED (i.e. factors taken into account in reaching this decision)	Consideration was given to the current housing market and wider economic circumstances and the increasing numbers of people approaching the council as homeless with the result that more people are being temporarily housed in bed and breakfast. By adopting the recommendation to reduce

		<p>the amount of time allowed for clients to bid for properties on their own it is anticipated that people will spend less time in temporary accommodation (bed and breakfast and hostels overall) and potentially free up capacity for new cases.</p> <p>By changing the banding for existing tenants of housing associations wishing to downsize by giving up two bedroom accommodation the same banding as those giving up three bedrooms it is anticipated will increase the number of two bedroom properties becoming available for letting. This will increase the overall number of properties available for letting and thereby help reduce the amount of people in temporary accommodation.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Councillors not on Cabinet can ask for the decision to be called-in and examined by the Call-In and Performance Scrutiny Committee. • Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Committee Services Manager 	<p>5.00 pm Tuesday 22 November 2011</p>

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