

Review Update

Review: Affordable Housing
Committee/Task Group: Policy Development Scrutiny Committee
Final report published: 15 March 2011
Cabinet/Executive response: 22 March 2011
Scrutiny review: 26 July 2011
Chair: Councillor Kelly McLeod

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<p><u>Recommendation 3</u></p> <p>That, subject to the Localism Bill provisions being accepted, the status and number of band E applicants on the housing register should be reviewed to provide an accurate picture of those in most need and to reduce the administration of the register.</p>	<p>This issue will be considered as part of the development of the Tenancy Strategy under the Localism Bill and in the work in progress on the Housing Value for Money Review. Considerations will need to include an analysis of workload set against the impact and risks of a new policy towards Band E applicants.</p>	<p>It was agreed that this recommendation would be reviewed in June 2012.</p>	<p>This will be reviewed when the Nomination Policy is revisited. Work is likely to begin on the review work later this year. HPAG (Housing Policy Advisory Group) has been established, chaired by Mayor Thornhill. This group will consider the emerging recommendations prior to drafting the nomination policy for formal consultation.</p>	

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<p><u>Recommendation 4</u></p> <p>That the council continues to invest in and develop opportunities for partnership working as exemplified by the HARI partnership. Further investigation should be made into working even more closely with neighbouring boroughs in such areas as pooling assets for joint developments.</p>	<p>We will continue to work with our partners through HARI. We also have good partnership arrangements with other local authorities through various officer forums. If opportunities emerge for partnership working with neighbouring local authorities, we will investigate the benefits these could bring to Watford.</p>	<p>It was agreed that this recommendation would be reviewed in June 2012.</p>	<p>HARI Board on 7 June 2012 resolved to conduct a review of the partnership to respond to the changing environment surrounding housing development. Joint working continues and we will seek opportunities for cross boundary working as appropriate.</p>	