

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY FOR HEREFORDSHIRE
Members Present:	Councillors: H Bramer, RB Hamilton, J Millar, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader).
Date of Decision:	20 June 2013
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to be significant in terms of its effects on-</p> <p>Two or more Wards or electoral divisions;</p> <p>One Ward (unless the number of those affected is very small or it is impractical to treat this as a key decision).</p>	
<p>A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To note and approve the content of the Housing Allocation Policy for Herefordshire.
Decision:	<p>THAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the revised Housing Allocation Policy for Herefordshire be noted and approved; (b) the implementation of the revised policy on 1st April 2014 be noted and agreed; (c) decisions on minor amendments to the policy associated with implementation through the Home Point system be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Planning Environment and Housing to approve, and; (d) the Cabinet Member for Planning Environment and Housing be given delegated authority to agree amendments to the current allocation policy taking into account the publication of new statutory guidance relating to migrants to the UK.

<p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>	<p>To ensure Herefordshire Council, together with its Home Point Partners(Housing Associations), can make best use of the scarce affordable housing provision, meet local housing need where households are unable to access the open market. The policy will also help contribute to sustaining communities and confirm that local people have priority in the allocation of housing in the county.</p> <p>The policy, over time, will break the link between homelessness and access into social housing and promote access into the private rented sector.</p>
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>The Council is required, under Part 6 of The Housing Act 1996 (as amended), to make all lettings and nominations in accordance with a published Allocation Policy, therefore a policy document must be in place.</p> <p>The Council could continue to operate the current scheme; however this would not reflect changes within the new legislation, to enable best use of the limited available housing stock and resources.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>27 June 2013</p>

COUNCILLOR PD PRICE..... Date: 20 June 2013
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■ a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

■ in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

To be completed by officer:	
Date consent received from Chairman of the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	No response received
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	Not applicable
If no any comment(s) to be noted	Not applicable
Date original decision took effect:	27 June 2013