SCRUTINY REVIEW: HEREFORDSHIRE HOME POINT HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Report By: Head of Strategic Housing

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1.   To consider a scoping statement for a proposed Review of the Allocation of Housing in Herefordshire.

Financial Implications

2.   None at present.

Background

3.   At its meeting on 22nd June 2007 the Committee resolved to conduct a work programme to include a review of the Allocation of Housing. The Allocation of Housing in Herefordshire is undertaken by Registered Social Landlord's (RSLs), the majority of whom allocate to vacancies within their housing stock through a shortlist provided by Herefordshire Home Point under Choice-Based Lettings principles.

4.   Herefordshire Home Point is a partnership comprising the Council and the 7 largest RSLs with housing stock in Herefordshire. The Home Point service does not allocate properties to applicants but prioritises applicants for housing fROm the waiting list into a shortlist in accordance with a choice-based lettings allocations policy, adopted and agreed by Cabinet following consultation wth a range of stakeholders including the Home Point Partnership Board. The scope of the review may, therefore, seek to include consideration of the current allocations policy.

5.   The Scoping Statement is attached at Appendix 1 for consideration.

6.   If the Committee decide to approve the scoping statement and terms of reference for the Review it is suggested that the Committee appoint four Members to complete the Review plus any co-opted members as it see fit.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT (a) the Scoping Statement for a review of the Allocation of Housing as appended to the report be agreed subject to any amendments the Committee would like to make;

(b) the Committee consider the membership of the Review Group;

and;

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(c) the Committee appoint a Chairman of the Review Group.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None Identified

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