

COMMITTEE: WOMENS EQUALITY
ADVISORY FORM
DISABILITY ADVISORY
AND ACCESS FORUM
RACE ADVISORY
FORUM

DATE: 28TH MAY, 2002
6TH JUNE 2002
10TH JUNE, 2002

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS
SYSTEM

REPORT BY: HEAD OF HOUSING

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	COMMUNITY SAFETY	<input type="checkbox"/>
EQUALITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	ENVIRONMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
FINANCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	CONSULTATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>
STAFFING	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>

WARDS AFFECTED:

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. The views of the Forum are sought in relation to proposed changes to the system of allocating Council housing in the town.

REPORT

2. Attached to this report is a paper that has been considered by elected members about proposals to review the system of allocating social housing in the town.

3. In summary the draft proposals are looking:
 - to move away from the existing points scheme
 - to introduce a series of priority bands, i.e. homeless, transfer list, medical etc.
 - allocations from within bands to be undertaken on a date order basis
 - quotas will be established for the differing priority bands
 - the quotas would be reviewed annually
 - to review the residence qualification
 - to introduce an assessment of people's financial means to meet their own housing needs

Consider introducing an ineligibility criteria for people (or a member of their household) were guilty of unacceptable behaviour.
4. A brief presentation will be made to the meeting explaining in more detail how the system could operate, but the purpose of this paper is to seek comments from the forum about issues that should be considered within the new scheme.
5. The Consultation is running during the period of May and June. In addition to comments made at the meeting individual written comments would be welcome with regard to proposals direct to the Head of Housing.

APPENDIX

Appendix A: Housing Panel Report dated 26 March 2002 – Housing Allocation Review.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

Report to the Housing Panel of 8th May 2002.