

Housing and Health Portfolio Holder Meeting– Decision Record Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Allocation Policy

Decision Made By:	Councillor J Derbyshire
Date Decision made:	10 July 2020
Date of Publication	7 August 2020
Decision Reference Number	Hou_02_07_20
Call in period ends	14 August 2020 5pm
Implementation date (if not called in)	15 August 2020

Notes:

1. Decisions may be called-in by three elected Members who must be signatories on the document.
2. Requests to call-in must be delivered to the Assistant Director Governance in writing by the date and time specified above (See Pt 4 [Scrutiny Procedure Rules] of the Constitution);
3. In the absence of any call-in, decisions will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after the publication date (see above);
4. Decisions marked ** may not be called-in as they were made under special urgency rules.

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To be completed by the decision maker:

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Portfolio:	Housing and Health Portfolio Holder Meeting
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Interests Declared:	None
Subject Matter:	Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Allocation Policy
Purpose of Report:	To seek approval of the Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Allocations Policy, to ensure that there is greater clarity for households in Eden who are currently registered for social housing or who may register in the future.
Decision:	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Allocations Policy be approved for publication in July 2020, and 2. delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director Community Services, in consultation with the Housing and Health Portfolio Holder, to approve any minor amendments identified during the approval process of the Partner Organisations.
Reasons for Decision	The proposed policy will help to ensure that there is a consistent and fair approach amongst Registered Providers (Housing Associations) with regard to letting homes in Eden to meet the greatest housing needs. The revisions will meet legislative changes relating to the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 and resultant Statutory Guidance. It is expected that the proposed changes will simplify the operation of the policy to the benefit of all who use it and to customers across the whole of Cumbria.
Summary of Options Rejected:	Members could choose not to recommend approval of the amended policy or request many additional or substantive changes. This is not recommended as the updates recommended will provide a clearer policy, and one which is responding to legislative changes outlined in 3.3 of this report. If substantial changes are to be considered by the Project Board then this could significantly delay implementation of the revised policy, which could then risk legal challenge by not responding to the legislative change outlined in 3.3.
Reports and	PP26_20_CCBLAllocationPolicy

Background Papers Considered	CCBL_AllocationPolicy_Appendix1 CCBL_AllocationPolicy_Appendix2 CCBL_HeadlineFigures_Appendix3
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	Housing and Health Portfolio Holder Meeting
Urgent Decision not Subject to Call In	No
Consent of Chairman/Vice-Chairman to Urgency	
Portfolio holder signature	