

ITEM 8 – SCOPE OF REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S ALLOCATION SCHEME

Title of Review

- The Council's Allocations Scheme.

What are we looking at?

- Housing need
- How effective is Choice Based Lettings in meeting housing need
- Is current points system fit for purpose/fair
- Cross boundary allocations – partial/full
- Resources
- RSL partners
- Rural exception sites
- Hard to reach customers
- Bedroom entitlement
- Transfers
- Medical assessments
- Application form
- Resources
- IT systems

What are we not looking at?

- Changing from CBL
- Using another systems provider
- Leaving the consortium

Why are we looking at this?

- Continuous improvement – best practice
- Making tenancies sustainable
- Fairer system
- New code of guidance
- New Government announcement on allocations policies

What do we hope to achieve?

- Consistency
- Clarity
- Recommendations for a revised policy

What information do we need?

- Customer profiling
- Stakeholder views
- Budgetary position
- Benchmarking data
- Legal status of CBL

How will the evidence be gathered?

- Desk top research and analysis
- Site visits – good practice authorities
- Surveys
- Benchmarking/comparison with others

Timescale

- Recommended way forward by end of March 2010