

**RECORD OF DECISIONS - AMENDMENTS TO HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY  
WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 2018**

<p><b>Key</b></p>	<p><b>10 - Amendments to Housing Allocations Policy and Homelessness Strategy</b></p> <p>RESOLVED to approve amendments to the Council’s Housing Allocations Policy and Homelessness Strategy to take effect from 3 April 2018, and to change the wording within the Allocations Policy in respect of the eligibility of members of the Armed Forces, to remove the wording “honourable discharge”, and to replace it with the wording “applicants who are serving members of the Regular Forces or who have served in the Regular Forces”.</p>	<p><b>Reasons:</b> In order to take account of the changes in legislation brought about by the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, which came into force on 3 April 2018; and to update the wording of the Allocations Policy to substitute for the wording “honourable discharge” (which is no longer used) with the wording “applicants who are serving members of the Regular Forces or who have served in the Regular Forces”.</p> <p><b>Other Options considered:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Any interest declared by any member of Cabinet:</b> Councillor S Barker declared a personal interest in relation to this item as Chairman of the Essex Civilian Military Partnership Board.</p>
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