

Appendix 1

Resolved: The Vibrant and Sustainable City Scrutiny Panel:

1. Recommends to Cabinet that the new Allocations Policy be amended to allow applicants to bid and accept an offer of housing if in arrears of up to the average of six weeks rent of a Council property, rather than the proposed four weeks (£400).
2. Wishes to express to Cabinet that it has concerns over the removal of the Local Connection clause in the proposed new Allocations Policy. It asks for further analysis on the implications of its removal, so careful consideration can be given as to the correct course of action.
3. Requests further information to be received by the Panel on the potential impact of the removal of the Local Connection clause of the Allocations Policy. This information should include the feedback and analysis from the formal consultation process. The Panel intends to consider this particular aspect of the policy again in the Spring.
4. Subject to recommendations 1, 2 and 3 above, endorses for approval by Cabinet the implementation, from 1 April 2020, the aspects of the revised Allocation Policy that are not dependant on the development of the IT system as detailed in paragraph 6.4 of the report. The remainder of the policy, that is dependant on the development of the IT system to be implemented from February 2021.
5. Endorses that Cabinet approve delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Director for City Assets and Housing to approve any minor changes to the final policy, where any structural constraints to the IT system are identified which are not able to support implementation of minor aspects of the recommended changes.
6. Endorses that Cabinet approve delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing, in consultation with the Director for City Assets and Housing, to make minor editorial changes to the Allocations Policy when necessary.