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Decision Number:

08 (2012/13)

## Portfolio Holder Decision

**Subject:** Amendment to Allocations Policy

**Taken by:** Cllr Carol Clark

**Date of decision:**

06/07/12

**Details of Decision:**

To update the current Allocation policy, to introduce a category of points for households living in non domestic dwellings such as but not exclusively touring caravans, houseboats, tents.

**Documents considered:**

Current Allocation Policy, Allocation of Accommodation: Code of Guidance 2002, Allocation of Accommodation: Guidance for Local Housing Authorities England Consultation

**Reasons for Decision:**

People who choose to live in non traditional housing such as touring caravans, houseboats or tents, score highly under the Housing and Health Safety Ratings System. This means that following an HHSRS assessment they become very highly pointed on the housing register and are often offered housing before other more serious cases.

To ensure these households are treated fairly but the same as others, the level of reasonable preference should be appropriate, rather than an urgent priority for immediate re housing, Points awarded will therefore be the same as for these households who are threatened with homeless.

In accordance with Appendix B 6 (1.a ) of the Council's constitution ,this is necessary (in the short term until there is a revised Allocation Policy approved by Members) to ensure compliance with the law. ministerial direction or Government guidance .

**Local Member(s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service consulted.**

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**Signed by Portfolio Holder:** 

**Record made by:**

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**Date:**

6/7/12

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