

Decision Number: 69 (2014/15)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

Subject: Sevenoaks District Council Housing Allocation Policy Amendments

Details of Decision taken

To change the Policy to allow on to the Register the following :

- **Existing social housing tenants living in the Sevenoaks District who are aged 60 or over who are within 3 years of retiring;**
- **To include those above whose income exceeds the financial limits set in the Policy (not allowing them to downsize) but only, if their income post retirement appears to comply with the current financial income limit**
- **The above will be accepted onto the Housing Register for emerald housing (or other specifically designated housing for this age group).**

Reason for Decision

Older Social Housing tenants under-occupying larger homes are being given more opportunities to move home and downsize to enable better use of the stock in the District. There may be a current issue where those wanting to downsize are unable to do so as their income exceeds the current financial level to enable them to transfer. It is felt that those retiring in 3 years and with income likely to fall below the current level, should be accepted onto the Register for a transfer to release much needed family sized accommodation.

All Documents considered:

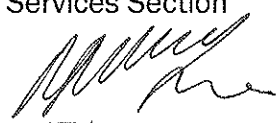
Revised Allocations Policy

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Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision: None
Financial implications None
Legal Implications and Risk Assessment None
Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty) This decision has the potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community. However, the Localism Act 2011 enables Housing Authorities to determine the groups of people who are eligible for rehousing through the Council's Housing Register. Older people under-occupying larger homes have been identified as needing more opportunities to move home to enable better use of the stock in the District. Enabling households who fall into this cohort to move into specifically designated accommodation enables them to plan their future better while they still enjoy reasonable health, this avoids crisis management of health issues in the future, saving money for the wider public purse.
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted Pat Smith, Chief Housing Officer
Details of any conflicts of interest a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker None

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