

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i></p>	<p><b>People</b> This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</p> <p><b>Prosperity</b> This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic and social opportunities.</p>
<p>Consultation:</p>	<p>The proposed timetable for developing, agreeing and implementing the Policy is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Initial discussions with Community Scrutiny November 2012</li><li>○ Drafting of Housing Allocations Policy December to January 2013</li><li>○ Draft policy circulated to individual Registered Providers, other stakeholders and Councillors January 2013</li><li>○ Draft policy put on Council's website for consultation with a deadline of 4 weeks for comment In January 2013</li><li>○ Discussions with individual Registered Providers, January and February 2013</li><li>○ Comments incorporated into Housing Register and Allocations Policy and presented to Executive March 2013.</li><li>○ Policy Adopted and implemented from April 2013</li></ul>
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>The Housing Act 1996 states that all Local Authorities exercising housing function must publish an Allocations Policy showing how homes will be allocated to applicants and prescribes certain categories of people who are to be eligible for an allocation and/or given reasonable preference.</p>
<p>Financial:</p>	<p>Maybe some small capital costs associated with implementing the changes onto the LOCATA on line application system and database. This will depend on the extent of the changes proposed to the policy. There</p>

	is a budget provision.
Human Resource:	<i>None</i>
Risk Management:	<i>None</i>