

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

<p>Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i></p>	<p>People This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</p> <p>Prosperity 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions with external stakeholders at the July 2012 at the East Herts Housing Forum• Consultation on potential changes and implications with Community Scrutiny November 2012• Report included in MIB November 2012.• Drafting of Housing Allocations Policy December to January 2013• Draft policy circulated to individual Registered Providers, other stakeholders and Councillors end January 2013• Draft policy put on Council's website for consultation with a deadline of 4 weeks for comment during February 2013• 05 Feb 2013 - Members' development and consultation workshop (10:30 to 12:30 in Council Chamber)• 08 Feb 2013 - deadline for written comments from Members• Discussions with individual Registered Providers, January and February 2013• Comments incorporated into Housing Register and Allocations Policy and presented to Executive 5th March 2013.
<p>Legal:</p>	<p>The Housing Act 1996 states that all Local Authorities exercising housing function must publish a Housing Register and 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>

Financial:	Maybe some small 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 is sufficient revenue budget .
Human Resource:	<i>None</i>
Risk Management:	<i>None</i>