

FC38. REFERRAL FROM HOUSING – HOUSING ALLOCATION OUTCOMES

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called in to Council by Councillors Meiklejohn and Ritchie.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 4 September 2012, (b) Joint Report by the Directors of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and of Social Work Services to the said meeting, and (c) Joint Report by the said Directors to the Housing and Social Care Committee on 28 August 2012 setting out recommendations to ensure that the Housing Allocations Policy continues to prioritise evidenced housing needs and that best use is made of the Council's Housing stock.

Councillor G Goldie, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved that Council:-

- (1) notes the Housing Allocations Outcome report;
- (2) notes the proposed legislative and regulatory changes that are likely to impact upon the Allocation Policy and that further updates will be provided to Committee as required;
- (3) notes the feedback from Allocations Consultation Panel;
- (4) agrees to the proposed Tenant Incentive Scheme for Under Occupation as detailed at Appendix 3 of the report to the Housing and Social Care Committee for a 12 month pilot period, effective from April 2013 with an initial budget of £250,000 and an evaluation of the scheme reported back to Members, and
- (5) agrees to the proposals detailed in paragraphs 4.12 and 4.13 of the said report to reduce the time homeless applicants are waiting to be rehoused, then further reviewing the outcomes.

By way of an amendment Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Turner, moved that paras (3) and (5) of the motion be substituted with the following:-

- (3) “notes the feedback from the Allocations Panel and agrees that the policy needs a full review which will take the form of a half day workshop for members then a special meeting of the Committee to consider the findings and any proposed changes that flow from the process, and
- (5) does not agree the content of paragraphs 4.12 and 4.13 but instead considers any changes as part of the review referred to in 6.3 above”.

On a division, 17 members voted for the motion and 15 voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the motion.