

EX103. ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services presenting proposed revisions to the Allocation Policy and presenting the allocation outcomes for 2013/14.

The Council's Allocation Policy was introduced in January 2010 (ref FC75). The allocations outcomes are reported annually. The outcomes for 2013/14 were appended to the report.

The Allocation Policy has been subject to minor amendments since its introduction. In 2014 a review of the policy was undertaken, driven in part by provisions of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014. A consultation exercise was undertaken as part of the review and the responses were summarised together with proposed amendments in regard to:-

- letting quotas;
- local letting initiatives including high flats and new build Council houses;
- exceptional circumstances;
- the appeals process; and
- Welfare Reform rules.

Additionally, the report provided background to, and the main conclusions arising from, a pilot Tenants' Incentive Scheme, together with proposals for development of the Scheme.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) the recommendations set out in section 4 of the report;**
- (2) that there should be consultation with tenants on a proposal that a tenant should be suspended from receiving an offer for a period of 6 months where the tenant has not kept the garden and/or property to the required standard and has received warnings from the Council for this or the Council has required to undertake work to maintain the garden or property because of the tenant's failure to do so, with a report to return to the Executive following the consultation;**
- (3) to review of the High Flat Local Letting Initiative;**
- (4) the development of the Tenants' Incentive Scheme; and**
- (5) to revise the current Allocation Policy to reflect the changes set out in the report to be effective from 1 April 2015.**