



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	Social Housing Allocation Policy and Local Lettings Policy
Reference No.	212
Date of decision	15 July 2021
Call-in expiry date	5pm, on 22 July 2021
Relevant Select Committee(s)	Environment, Housing and Regeneration Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Eddie Lavery – Environment, Housing and Regeneration
DECISION	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>That the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment, Housing and Regeneration approve the following changes to the Social Housing Allocation Policy. An amended Social Housing Allocation Policy showing the proposed changes is included at Appendix A.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All downsizing under-occupiers be awarded Band A and be given a higher priority in terms of their rehousing, other than those affected by the regeneration proposals at Hayes Town Centre and Avondale Estates.2. Overcrowded households with an assessed need for four bedrooms be permitted to bid for an allocation to a three bedroom dwelling so long as this does not result in statutory overcrowding.3. Lettings in higher risk buildings, those 18m and over or more than six storeys, be restricted to exclude individuals who are not able to self-evacuate within a reasonable time frame.

	<p>4. Management transfers be given a higher priority for rehousing than other Band A applicants other than downsizing under-occupiers and those affected by the regeneration proposals at Hayes Town Centre and Avondale Estates.</p> <p>5. Foster children over the age of three be allowed a separate bedroom regardless of gender.</p> <p>6. Extra care housing applicants be excluded from the £30,000 saving cap criteria to join the housing register.</p> <p>7. Amendments to language used in the policy to ensure that it is gender neutral.</p>
Reason for decision	The alternative option would have been to leave the Social Housing Allocation Policy as at present. This would mean less precise targeting of allocations, and may leave the council open to legal challenges regarding safety in higher risk buildings and in relation to bedroom allocations for foster children.
Alternative options considered and rejected	None.
Classification	Public
Link to associated report	Here
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Debby Weller – Planning, Environment, Education & Community Services
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

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When can this decision be implemented by officers?	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm, on Thursday 22 July 2021</p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p>
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	<p>Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p>

	<u>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</u> (secure)
Further information	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: <u>democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk</u>.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>