

Title of Report:	Review of the Council's Housing Allocations Policy
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	21 February 2012

Purpose of Report: To provide the Commission of the actions arising from previous meetings.

Recommended Action: To note the report.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of 10 January 2012, the Commission agreed to incorporate into its work programme an examination of the review of the Housing Allocations policy, which was due to take place following a significant shift in government policy.

2. Agreement of the scrutiny activity to be undertaken

- 2.1 Shown at Appendix A is the report of the Strategy and Operations Manager to Management Board which provides an overview of the scope and activity associated with the review being undertaken by officers.
- 2.2 The Housing Strategy and Operations Manager will outline to the Commission the key points from the report and will seek from the Commission its views on how best it might contribute to the review and the development of the policy. Options for consideration might include:
- (1) The establishment of a task group to work with Housing officers.
 - (2) Public examination of the issues, in-meeting, as part of the development process.
 - (3) Examination of the revised policy, after wider consultation but prior to approval by the Executive.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Members of the Commission are recommended to:
- (1) note the report and the amplifying points made by the Housing Strategy and Operations Manager; and
 - (2) agree the most appropriate way for Scrutiny to support the revision of the Housing Allocations policy.

Appendices

- Appendix A Report of the Housing Strategy and Operations Manager to Management Board