

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>1098272</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Housing Allocations Policy

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The Council's Housing Allocation Policy sets out who is awarded priority on the 'My Choice' Housing Register. The changes are to include applicants awarded any of the new homelessness duties brought in by the Homelessness Reduction Act.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing

6. **DECISION:**

- i. The Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing approved the changes to the Housing Allocation Policy as required by the Homelessness Reduction Act.
- ii. That the banding priority awarded under the Allocations Policy to homeless households, which aims to support the Council's strategy to prevent homelessness is approved.
- iii. That the 'My Choice' Allocations Policy last reviewed in 2016 should be subject to a more comprehensive review with policy options developed for member consideration.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The changes are recommended:

- a) To reflect the new duties to prevent and relieve homelessness in the 'My Choice' Allocations Policy
- b) To award all applicants owed one of the homelessness duties a banding to reflect that, under legislation, they qualify for an award of reasonable preference, and
- c) To use the new banding priority to support the Council's homelessness prevention strategy.

This policy applies to all applicants included on the Council's 'My Choice' Housing Register. The changes will be applied to all new and existing applicants 1 month from the date of sign off by Executive Member.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: People

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** No

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
1 April 2021	14 April 2021