

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I120694
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1. **TITLE:** Development of a New Housing Allocations Policy

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Proposed changes to the housing allocation policy were presented to Executive in November 2023, along with a draft of the new policy and the rationale for the proposed changes. Executive gave its approval to launch a period of public consultation to enable residents, service providers and local organisations to give their views on the key proposals.

This report provides the findings and responses to the public consultation on the proposed new housing allocation policy

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

- i. the outcome of the consultation on proposed changes to the Council's Housing Allocation Policy is considered.
- ii. the proposed changes set out in this report and the new Housing Allocations Policy appended to this report is approved.
- iii. authority be Delegate to the Executive Director of People, in consultation with the Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing, to make minor revisions to the Housing Allocation Policy, including changes required in future statutory guidance, as considered necessary to give effect to the operation of the Policy.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

1. The current housing allocation policy is over seven years old. A new policy is required to take account of legislative changes, to support the Council's homelessness and housing strategies, and to address shortfalls in housing supply against demand in Bracknell Forest.
2. A report was presented to Executive in November 2023 setting out the proposed changes to the current housing allocation policy. At that meeting Executive gave approval to commence consultation with a wide range of stakeholders to obtain their comments and feedback on the proposals.
3. This report summarises the consultation responses for each of the main proposed changes. These are set out in more detail in the attached consultation report. The proposed new housing allocation policy, which incorporates the changes, is also appended to this report. Its approval by Executive will enable the policy to be adopted

as Council policy.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The current policy is out of date and no longer reflects the housing needs of the residents of Bracknell Forest and those seeking housing assistance in the borough and so the option of doing nothing has not been considered.

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

10. DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
23 April 2024	1 May 2024