

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 10th September 2019

HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY 2019 AMENDMENT

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Craig Warhurst
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Judith Willis
Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor Consulted	Not Applicable

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 This report is seeking approval to correct a drafting error of the Redditch Borough Council Housing Allocations Policy approved by the Executive Committee on the 8th January 2019 at paragraph 5.15 Financial Resources. The proposal and consultation process agreed that in respect of savings and equity it be raised from £50,000 to £95,000. The policy put before Executive Committee had not been changed to £95,000, therefore this brings forward the correct Housing Allocations Policy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to resolve that

- 2.1 **The Housing Allocations Policy 2019 (Appendix 1) is adopted.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to the revisions proposed to the Allocations Policy

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications to this amendment.

5. Service / Operational Implications

- 5.1 There are no service/operational implications to this amendment as the policy has not yet been implemented due to the requirement for a new operating system.
- 5.2 The proposed wording will be as follows:

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5.15 Financial Resources

Owner occupiers and people with sufficient financial resources available to them to meet their housing needs will be placed in Band 4.

Applicants who have a household income (including benefits) of more than £45,000 per annum and / or savings/capital/assets/equity of £95,000 that will enable them to access and maintain private accommodation will be encouraged and supported to do so through the housing options service. Any household in receipt of a means tested benefit will not be subject to this reduced banding criteria (this does not include Child Benefit).

6. Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.1 This change was already consulted on and agreed.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The amendment is required as the savings/equity level was consulted upon and agreed but was inadvertently only changed in Band 6 where it should have also been applied to Band 4. If the policy is not amended then those in higher housing need with equity and savings would be affected detrimentally than those with a lower housing need which would be unjustifiable.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Housing Allocations policy 2019 with proposed amendment

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 **Executive Committee report 8th January 2019**

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