

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 7th November 2019

Briefing note: Policy for Voluntary & Community Concessionary Rents

The Concessionary Rents Policy was withdrawn from the agenda of the Executive Committee of 29 October 2019.

The decision was taken to allow time to get a greater understanding of the impact on the Voluntary and Community Sector and in light of the current financial situation that the Council is facing to consider any alternative solutions. The Council particularly wants to listen to those in the VCS which benefit from the existing Rent Concession Policy and produce a policy and way forward that is fair to everyone.

A date is being arranged for a call to action where we want the VCS to meet with Councillors and Officers so everyone has a better understanding of the challenges both the VCS and the Council face.

Following the meeting with the VCS, the outcome of this consultation will be considered and a report will be presented to Executive Committee on 14 January 2020.

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