

**DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT CARE, COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING - CLLR JOHN THOMSON**

## **HOUSING**

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**REFERENCE:** **ACCH-003-12**

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### **ACCH-003-12 - AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL INTERIM STRATEGY AND POLICY 2009-2010**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To seek Cabinet member approval to amend the private sector housing renewal interim strategy and policy 2009 – 2010 that was approved by cabinet on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009. To amend the delegated authority for discretionary grants and allowing for consideration to exceptional circumstances, amending the discretionary disabled assistance policy and removing three policies that are no longer actively used.

#### **Consultation**

Legal Services provided advice on the discretionary DFG policy regarding 'fettering discretion' and recommended our policy be changed to ensure compliance with legislation.

#### **Options Considered**

The alternative is to retain the existing policies.

#### **Reason for Decision**

The changes that have been recommended will allow for easier more robust decisions being made in a timely manner and will ensure our policies comply with legislation as well as making them easier to administer for staff.

### **INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION**

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision set out in the attached report. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue please do so by 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

**The following supporting documents are attached:**

ACCH-003-12 - Amendments to the Private Sector Housing renewal Interim Strategy & Policy  
2009-2010 - Report  
ACCH-003-12 - Appendix

Date: ...27<sup>th</sup> March, 2012.....

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Care, Communities and Housing