

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE

Report No.17

Date of Meeting	9 th November 2006
Title of Report	Choice Based Lettings Working Group – Terms of Reference and Appointment
Portfolio	Housing
Link to Corporate Priorities	Housing
Key Decision	No
Executive Workplan Ref	B313
Public Report	Yes

Summary of Report

This report seeks approval of Terms of Reference for a Choice Based Lettings Working Group and appointment of Councillors to the Working Group.

Officer Recommendations

That the Draft Terms of Reference for the Choice Based Lettings Working Group be approved as set out in Appendix 1 and that the Executive appoints 5 members to the group

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Report seeks to gain approval for Terms of Reference for a Choice Based Lettings Working Group

2. Options and Options Appraisal

2.1 Option 1: To approve the Choice Based Lettings Working Group Terms Of Reference as Appendix 1

2.2 Option 2: To amend the Choice Based Lettings Working Group Terms Of Reference as Appendix 1 and approve

2.3 Option 3: Not to approve the Terms of Reference for a Choice Based Lettings Working Group

3. Background Information

3.1 In June 2005 the Government published “Sustainable Communities: Homes for All – A Strategy for Choice Based Lettings”

3.2 This document outlined the Government’s targets for the development and extension of Choice Based Lettings as follows:

“We will maintain our existing target for *all* local authorities to operate choice-based lettings systems by 2010, and extend this target to include all social rented housing, shared ownership and low cost home ownership options. We will encourage the extension of CBL schemes to cover the private rented sector, and make it as easy as possible for tenants to move between local authority, housing association and privately owned accommodation. We want to see CBL schemes developing on a regional or sub-regional basis.”

3.3 The establishment of a Choice Based Lettings Working Group would provide a focal point to identify the most appropriate Choice Based Lettings Scheme for the District

4. Financial Implications

4.1 Principally officer time, to be met within existing resources

5. Risk Analysis

5.1 There are no specific risks arising from the approval of the terms of reference.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix 1 – Choice Based Lettings Working Group Terms of Reference
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		