

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E2182
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Local Lettings Plans – Amberley Close and Lulworth Road Keynsham, and Holcombe Green Bath.

Decision maker/s	Cllr Vic Pritchard, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Housing
The Issue	<p>Two new build social housing schemes are nearing completion. The Social Housing needs to be allocated so that tenancies are sustained to ensure the long term success of both schemes. The proposed local lettings plans are intended to help create sustainable communities by allocating accommodation to people who choose to live in the area and who want to be part of a successful balanced community.</p> <p>The aim of the local lettings plans is to ensure that a range of housing need is met by ensuring that homes are let to applicants with different types of need and priority.</p>
Decision Date	11 th October 2010
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees</p> <p>To approve the local lettings plans for the Somer Community Housing Trust developments at Amberley Close and Lulworth Road Keynsham, and Holcombe Green Bath. That the local lettings plans will be effective for one year, after which they will be reviewed.</p>
Rationale for decision	Creating sustainable communities in these areas of Bath and North East Somerset will have positive benefits to residents and visitors to the area. Moreover it will contribute to the socio-economic future and stability of the area.
Financial and budget implications	<p>There are no direct financial implications for the Council of these schemes as they are owned and operated through Somer Community Housing Trust.</p> <p>Creating sustainable communities will reduce the demand for public services and the resources of our partner, Somer Community Housing Trust.</p>
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Health and Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet Member; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Meetings and by E-mail.

Other options considered	To allocate the properties strictly through the Choice Based Letting system without local lettings plans was also considered. Without local lettings plans, the new communities may lack social and economic diversity in these areas of Bath and North East Somerset, and may therefore have a negative impact on existing neighbouring communities and services.
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Signatures of Decision Makers	
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Date of Signature	
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