

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E2730

Lower Bristol Rd Gypsy Traveller Site Allocation Policy

Decision maker/s	Cllr Tim Ball, Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning
The Issue	The way social housing is allocated is key to creating communities where people choose to live and are able to prosper. The Gypsy and Travellers Pitch Allocation Scheme sets out how the permanent pitches will be allocated within the Lower Bristol Road site in Bath. It is based upon similar principles to the Homeseach Allocation Scheme which is the scheme that allocates social housing, and gives priority to people with a local connection and the most housing need.
Decision Date	08 January 2015
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that 1. That the proposed Pitch Allocation Scheme contained in Appendix 2 is adopted.
Rationale for decision	The Council is required to adopt and publish a housing allocations scheme which articulates how social housing, including gypsy and traveller pitches, is allocated. The implementation of this policy will ensure that these allocations create a balanced community where people choose live, make the best use of the available pitches and ensure that those in greatest need are prioritised.
Financial and budget implications	There will not be additional revenue cost of managing the allocation scheme, including prioritising applicants and the marketing of pitches, as these will be met within the existing resources of Housing Services. However, in line with the existing policy the Council will charge the Housing Association for each let agreed; this fee at present is £60. There are no other direct financial implications arising from this report.
Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	The scheme has been based upon the existing Homeseach Scheme which was developed with a significant amount of internal and public consultation. This adapted scheme has also been informed by consultation with the Corporate Gypsy & Traveller Working Group; the Housing & Major Projects Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel and Elim

	Housing Association.
Other options considered	None

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	8 January 2014

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision