

**Single Member Cabinet Decision**

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E2273**

**Local Lettings Plan**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Tim Ball, Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning
<b>The Issue</b>	Three new social housing developments are reaching completion and the housing on these schemes will need to be allocated. To ensure that these large scale allocations are made in a sustainable and balanced manner the housing providers; Somer Community Housing Trust & Flourish Homes have requested the adoption of Local Lettings Plans. These plans allow for the Council to deviate from the existing Homeseach Policy should this policy not produce a sustainable and balanced allocation.
<b>Decision Date</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> June 2011
<b>The decision</b>	To approve the local lettings plans for the three Social Housing Schemes, Pennyquick View, Southlands and Marjorie Whimster House. The local lettings plans will be effective for one year, after which they will be reviewed.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	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.
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from this report. Creating a sustainable community will reduce the demand for other public services and the resources of our partners, Somer Community Housing Trust and Flourish Homes.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Social Inclusion; Sustainability; Property; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights; Other Legal considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Cabinet member; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer.
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	The consultation was by E-mail and meeting.
<b>Other options considered</b>	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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<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	