

Single Member Cabinet Decision

<b>Executive Forward Plan Reference</b>	<b>E2295</b>
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**Local Lettings Plan – Bath Western Riverside**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Tim Ball, Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning
<b>The Issue</b>	The first phase of new social and low-cost housing at Bath Western Riverside is nearing completion and will need to be allocated. To ensure that this large scale allocation is made in a sustainable and balanced manner the housing provider; Somer Community Housing Trust have requested the adoption of a Local Lettings Plan. The plan allows for the Council to deviate from the existing Homeseach Policy should this policy not produce a sustainable and balanced allocation.
<b>Decision Date</b>	04 August 2011
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Member agrees the ;- Adoption of the Bath western Riverside Local Lettings Plan
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	Creating sustainable communities in this area 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.
<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 colleagues; Staff; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	By individual meetings and by E-mail.
<b>Other options considered</b>	To allocate the properties strictly through the Choice Based Letting system without local lettings plans was also considered. However, the potential risks of inappropriate allocation, and the associated negative impacts on the scheme and locality, are such that it was considered proper to mitigate against such risks.

<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	