

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Councillor: Councillor C. Watkins
Cabinet Member for: Housing
Report by: Housing Solutions Manager
SUBJECT: **Housing Allocation Policy**
Date Decision made: Thursday 21st November, 2024
Place: Committee Room D, Town Hall, Nuneaton
Officer Present: Sharon Clinton – Housing Solutions Manager

DECISION:

IC13 **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the proposed changes be approved ready for implementation forthwith; and
- b) delegated authority be granted to the Assistant Director for Strategic Housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing for the purposes of making direct matches to all available void properties for homeless households in temporary accommodation, in unprecedented times, in addition to direct matching applicants to properties in other extenuating circumstances.

REASON FOR THE DECISION:

The existing Allocation Policy was amended in October 2020 to reflect legislative requirements, and to ensure the policy was fair, objective and encouraged a balanced and sustainable community.

Further changes are needed to ensure that we make the best use of stock. The Council has seen a significant increase in the number of households becoming homeless, and following Government guidance, this has resulted in many people being accommodated temporarily in hostels, Bed & Breakfast establishments and Hotels, which lack facilities or required households to share facilities.

Further changes are needed to ensure legislation changes, housing regulator recommendations, a clearer explanation of the Housing Allocation Policy criteria and any other minor rewording throughout the policy to ensure the policy is comprehensive.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- Do not approve the policy.

Signature:



Democratic Services to complete.

PUBLICATION DATE: 22nd November 2024

DECISION(S) COMES INTO FORCE: 2nd December 2024