



Service Delivery Committee	Tuesday, 19 January 2016	Matter for Information and Decision
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Title: Housing Allocations Policy - Adapted Properties

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1. Introduction

The Housing Allocations Policy is used to determine the preference given to housing applications and the eligibility for particular properties.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked to consider a minor amendment to the Housing Allocations Policy to permit properties with pre-existing adaptations for the disabled to be matched to households that require those adaptations in preference over those who do not.

3. Background

The Council adapts homes under the Disabled Facilities scheme. It has been custom and practice to recycle these adaptations by considering applicants who need these adaptations before other applicants. It has been drawn to the Council's attention that the Housing Allocations Policy does not specifically state that we will do this. This amendment will provide clarification.

The reasoning behind this is that moving a household which requires adaptations can mean a cost saving in not having to adapt their existing home.

4. Suggested Amendment

Under paragraph 9 (Other eligibility criteria) is inserted;

Property Type/Size:	Preference Given To:
Properties which have been adapted for the disabled including those with Level Access Showers, extensions providing ground floor sleeping accommodation, through floor platform lifts.	1. Households requiring the specific adaptations; 2. Other eligible households.

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Implications	
Financial	Adopting this policy will ensure that investment in carrying out adaptations to properties is utilised for those that need it and it will help to reduce expenditure on further adaptations.

Legal	No significant implications.
Risk	CR1 - Decreasing financial resources. CR5 – Effective utilisation of assets.
Equalities	An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) will be carried out to assess the impact on other applicants.