



To: Committee & Elections Manager

Statement of individual Cabinet Member's decision

Name of Cabinet Member Councillor Jenny Wallace

Portfolio Housing Services

Delegation authority (usually the delegated powers in annex 1.6 and 1.7) Delegated powers annex 1.6

Cabinet decision date _____ Minute No _____ or

Declaration of Interests (if any)

Of the Cabinet Member making the decision

None

Of any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision

None

Topic Revised Housing Allocations Scheme

Decision Following an extended period of consultation with officers, Members, council partners and members of the public, it is resolved that the revised Housing Allocations Scheme as presented to the Housing Services Cabinet Committee on 04 February 2021 be adopted and implemented from 05 April 2021.

Reasons for the decision

Gravesham Borough Council is required by Part VI of the Housing Act 1996 to publish a Housing Allocations Scheme to determine the basis for which social housing will be allocated both for its own housing stock and for Registered Providers (Housing Associations) properties to which Gravesham Borough Council has nomination rights. The Council's existing Housing Allocations Scheme was introduced in 2014 to reflect the new legislation at that time relating to welfare reforms and the Localism Act 2011. There have been significant changes to legislation over the past seven years and it essential that the Council's policy is updated to reflect these changes, ensuring that limited social housing within the Borough is allocated fairly and consistently based on need and in accordance with legislation.

Other options considered (if any) N/A

I confirm that this decision is:

- Please mark/tick
- ✓ In accordance with the council's Policy Framework.
 - ✓ Within the council's approved budget.
 - ✓ In compliance with the council's contract procedure rules.
 - ✓ In compliance with the council's financial procedure rules.
 - ✓ In accordance with the protocol for Cabinet member decisions.

Background papers used (if any) 04 February 2021 Housing Services Cabinet Committee Report – Revised Housing Allocations Scheme

Signature
(countersigned
by Executive
Leader if a Key
Decision)

Date: 17 February 2021

All decisions must be made in accordance with the decision-making rules laid down in the constitution and must be in compliance with the policy framework, the approved budget, contract procedure rules and financial procedure rules.

The allocations of areas of responsibility to Lead Members and their delegated powers are laid out in annex 1.6 and 1.7 and may only be exercised accordingly. The Executive Leader is entitled to change the allocation of portfolios to Lead Members at any time.

In addition to the above, further delegations may be made from time to time.

Key decisions may not be made by individual Cabinet Members other than the Executive Leader. In the case of a Key Decision recommended by a Cabinet Member, the Executive Leader's countersignature will be required in order to effect the decision.

The Chief Executive was given delegated authority to respond to consultation documents on behalf of the Cabinet in consultation with the appropriate portfolio holder at the Cabinet meeting on 7 March 2011.

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.