

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th September 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Tees Valley Lettings Partnership

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Tees Valley Lettings Partnership.

The Tees Valley Lettings Partnership was made up of eight voluntary partners (the five Tees Valley Local Authorities, Beyond Housing, North Star and Home Group), the partners worked collaboratively to let social and affordable housing properties as quickly as possible and in accordance with an agreed common allocation policy. The Partnership had undertaken a number of service reviews which had focused on ensuring that all partners deliver an efficient and effective property lettings service which addresses local housing need and that the ICT system used to deliver the service was responsive to both current and future customer needs.

Following the conclusion of above reviews, the report highlighted a recent consultation exercise undertaken by the Tees Valley Lettings Partnership to ensure that it has a fit for purpose Common Allocation Policy. Members supported the proposed changes to the Allocation Policy and noted the work that was ongoing to introduce a new digital lettings platform which would significantly improve the customer journey/experience.

RESOLVED that the recent consultation exercise undertaken to inform an updated Tees Valley Common Allocation policy be noted and the proposed changes to this policy as detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

As noted within the body of the report, the 8 partners which make up the Tees Valley Lettings Partnership are committed to working collaboratively to ensure a fair and transparent Common Allocation Policy which

addresses the housing needs of residents across the Tees Valley.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 13 – Tees Valley Lettings Partnership as he was a Board Member of Thirteen. Councillor Steve Nelson withdrew from the meeting and left the room during consideration of the item.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 23 September 2019.

Proper Officer
17 September 2019