

**A MEETING OF THE HOUSING BOARD  
WAS HELD ON 03 NOVEMBER 2010**

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (P), Councillors CK Carter, Mrs Cully (P), Dickson (P), Edwards (P), Geddes (P), Forder (P), Hylands (P), Jessop (P), Lane (P) and Philpott (P).

**19. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received on behalf of the Mayor and Councillor C K Carter.

**20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**21. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING BOARD HELD ON 16 JUNE 2010**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**22. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

**23. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

**PART II**

**24. REVIEW OF THE GOSPORT SCHEME OF ALLOCATION FOR THE GOSPORT HOUSING REGISTER**

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager which sought approval of a review of the Scheme of Allocation for the Gosport Housing Register.

It was reported that the Scheme of Allocation was last reviewed by Members at the March 2007 Housing Board. That review re-introduced a point's based system which is used to assess and prioritise housing need. Since the 2007 review there had been an overturning of previous legal precedents related to housing needs assessments. The consequence of this change in legal precedents was that the introduction of new precedents meant that the housing needs assessment no longer needed to be composite. There was no requirement to assess each element and add the elements together.

The meeting was informed of the following minor amendments to Appendix A of the Manager's report:

Section One (page 7)	Paragraph 6a (iv) (3 <sup>rd</sup> bullet point)	Delete 'd (i) or (ii)' and substitute the word 'the'. The bullet point to read: Waiting List applicants: These are defined
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Section Six (page 12)	Paragraph 1b (i)	as any cases not falling under the above. Add the word 'joint'. The sub paragraph to read: The applicant, or joint applicant, is subject to immigration control...
Section Six (page 13)	Paragraph 2e (2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence)	Delete '4'. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> sentence to read: The prioritisation scheme in paragraph (c) and (d) above applies...
Section Seven (page 15)	Paragraph 5c (v)	Delete 'Five' and substitute 'Three'. The sub paragraph to read: The nominations process in Schedule Three applies.
Page 19	Lined Diagram – Gosport Extra Care Scheme Draft Nominations & Panel Process	Add at the top of the Diagram 'Schedule Three'  Link rows 2 and 5 of Diagram

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the Scheme in Appendix A (including the above amendments) to the Housing Services Manager's report, subject to final consultation with the council's Housing Association partners, be approved;
- b) provided no significant matters arise, the Housing Services Manager in consultation with the Housing Board Chairman, approve the final scheme;
- c) this Council continues with the current agreement that general needs Housing Association partners provide a collective contribution totalling £30,000 per year towards Choice Based Lettings activity and reviews and amends as appropriate all Housing Association partner's contributions agreements; and
- d) the Housing Services Manager be given delegated powers to negotiate with sheltered accommodation Housing Association partners in respect of a suitable annual contribution or charging practices in relation to Choice Based Lettings activity.

## 25. REVIEW OF GOSPORT'S HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager which progressed this Council's legal obligation to have a homelessness strategy; the strategy to be reviewed at least every five years. This was the fourth strategy review produced, although the first two strategies were produced before this legal obligation arose.

The last Homelessness Strategy was considered by the June 2006 Housing Board. The Homelessness Strategy considered statistical analysis, trends analysis, service gaps and strengths and anticipated needs over the next five years. The strategy encompassed homelessness, the prevention of homelessness and temporary accommodation strategies. The strategy must address:

- The prevention of homelessness;
- Sufficiency of temporary accommodation provision;
- Support for people who are, may be or were homeless.

There was a legal obligation to consult with other public bodies, other local authorities and voluntary organisations, and other persons as the Council considered appropriate.

The meeting was informed of the following minor amendment to Appendix A of the Manager's report:

- Page 4      Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.1a      Delete '24'. The paragraphs to read:
- 2.1 Section 15 of this document details the overview of statistical analysis undertaken as part of this review. There are two areas of significant interest:
- a. Gosport Council's exceptionally good record in respect of homelessness prevention (See Section 15)

RESOLVED: That:

- a) approval be given to the Homelessness Strategy document in Appendix A (including the above amendment) and the Action Plan in Appendix B of the Housing Services Manager's report;
- b) the further consultations strategy set out in paragraph 1.3 of the Manager's report be approved; and
- c) delegated powers be given to the Housing Services Manager, in consultation with the Housing Board Chairman, to approve amendments arising from further consultation, provided these are not considered to significantly alter the document in Appendix A to the Manager's report.

## **26. ANY OTHER ITEMS**

There was no other business to discuss.

The meeting ended at 6.54p.m.

CHAIRMAN