



## **PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 05/15-16**

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#### CALL – IN UPDATE

Please note no Decisions have been called in for review from the following lists:

**List No.3 Issued on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 with a Call In date of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.**

**LIST REFERENCE: 1/06/15-16**

| <b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT</b>   |   |   |  |   |  |                               |   |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>COUNCIL HOUSING COMPLAINTS – REMOVAL OF STAGE 3</b>   |   |   |  |   |  |                               |   |
| <b>Part 1 or 2<br/>(relevant<br/>exempt<br/>Paragraph)</b>   | <b>Wards<br/>affected<br/>by<br/>decision</b> | <b>Decision taken by</b>  | <b>Date<br/>Decision to<br/>come into<br/>effect</b> | <b>Interest<br/>declared in<br/>respect of the<br/>Decision</b> | <b>Category of<br/>decision<br/>(i.e. Key, Non-Key,<br/>Council, Urgent)</b> | <b>Contact Details</b>        | <b>Eligible for<br/>Call-in &amp; Date<br/>to be called in<br/>by</b> |
| Part 1   | All   | Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration (Cllr Oykenner) | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2015                    | None  | Non-Key  | Vicki Morgan<br>020 8379 8021 | Yes<br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>June 2015                           |
| <b>DECISION</b>  |   |   |  |   |  |                               |   |
| <p><b>AGREED:</b> subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council Housing removes stage 3 from the complaints process and adopts the 2 stage process operated by the rest of the Council, with the second stage – end stage – signed off by the Chief Executive in line with Council policy.</li> <li>2. That the requirements of the Housing Ombudsman and Localism are incorporated into the wider Council complaints policy prior to sign off of the draft policy.</li> <li>3. That complaints received up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 are considered under Enfield Homes’ complaints policy and have the option to progress through 3 stages.</li> <li>4. That complaints received from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 are subject to first stage and end stage only – in line with Council policy.</li> <li>5. The absence of a finalised complaints policy at the Council means that the current policy does not accommodate the Housing Ombudsman and the provisions of Localism. It is therefore proposed that a Council Housing 2 stage complaints option is run alongside the corporate complaint policy is signed off and complaints is centralised under Enfield 2017.</li> <li>6. Council Housing complaints policy is rebranded and updated to remove Stage 3 until the Council is in a position to launch the new complaints policy. See Appendix 1, of the Report.</li> <li>7. Council Housing does not have access to Covalent due to the imminence of a replacement IT system and centralisation. It operates a database which provides full recording, tracking and reporting capabilities.<br/>It is recommended that this process remains in place until a new IT system is available. This will reduce the cost that would be incurred in a roll-out of Covalent and save resources required to train and then double enter all existing complaints onto a new system.</li> </ol> |   |   |  |   |  |                               |   |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b>   |   |   |  |   |  |                               |   |
| To continue to operate separate processes with different stages. General complaints for Council services would be examined under the 2 stage Council process and Housing complaints would continue to be subject to 3 stages.  |   |   |  |   |  |                               |   |

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| <b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To streamline the complaint process for customers.</li><li>2. To bring Council Housing into line with the rest of the Council.</li><li>3. To ensure the requirements of Localism and Housing Ombudsman continue to be considered.</li><li>4. To aid the mitigation of the complaints service into a central team.</li></ol> |
| <b>BACKGROUND:</b>   |
| Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available via the Decision list link on the Council's Democracy pages.   |

**LIST REFERENCE: 2/06/15-16**

| <b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT</b>   |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| PROCUREMENT OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY SERVICES TO SUPPORT DELIVERY OF THE MERIDIAN WATER HOUSING ZONE   |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
| <b>Part 1 or 2<br/>(relevant<br/>exempt<br/>Paragraph)</b>   | <b>Wards<br/>affected<br/>by<br/>decision</b> | <b>Decision taken by</b>   | <b>Date<br/>Decision to<br/>come into<br/>effect</b> | <b>Interest<br/>declared in<br/>respect of the<br/>Decision</b> | <b>Category of<br/>decision<br/>(i.e. Key, Non-Key,<br/>Council, Urgent)</b> | <b>Contact Details</b>         | <b>Eligible for<br/>Call-in &amp; Date<br/>to be called in<br/>by</b> |
| Part 1   | Upper<br>Edmonton                             | Cabinet Member for Housing &<br>Housing Regeneration<br>(Cllr Oyken) | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>June 2015                 | None  | Key Decision<br>KD 4110  | Daisy Johnson<br>020 8379 5598 | Yes<br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>June 2015                           |
| <b>DECISION</b>  |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
| <p><b>AGREED:</b> subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015 that:</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Housing &amp; Housing Regeneration authorises the award of three contracts to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Karakusevic Carson Architects for a duration of four years (Lot 1);</li> <li>2. Arup for a duration of four years (Lot 2); and</li> <li>3. OKRA Landscape for a duration of four years (Lot 3).</li> </ol> <p>To supply the Council with design advisory services to a value of circa £3,000,000 during municipal year 2015/16 to support delivery of the Meridian Water Housing Zone.</p> |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b>   |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
| <p><b>Framework Procurement:</b> Procuring this multidisciplinary team via an existing Framework Agreement was considered inappropriate because of the value of the contract and the limited number of consultants teams on available frameworks. By following the Open Procedure, the Council has had the opportunity to assemble the best team for this significant project.</p> <p><b>Do Nothing:</b> the Council will be unable to deliver the project within the required timescales.</p>   |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
| <b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>  |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
| <p>The combined skills within the appointed teams will ensure the Council has a highly experienced team behind it to both deliver and advise on all aspects of the Meridian Water Housing Zone as it progresses through the development stages.</p> <p>Further details are in Section 5 of the Report.</p>   |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
| <b>BACKGROUND:</b>   |   |  |  |   |  |                                |   |
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Publication of Decision List 2/06/15-16 – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**LIST REFERENCE: 3/06/15-16**

| <b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT</b>   |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| GRANT TO VACATE (GTV)  |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
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| Part 1   | Upper<br>Edmonton                             | Cabinet Member for Housing &<br>Housing Regeneration<br>(Cllr Oyken) | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>June 2015                 | None  | Non-Key  | Thekla<br>Frangeskou<br>020 8379 8201 | Yes<br>Friday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>June 2015                           |
| <b>DECISION</b>  |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
| <b>AGREED:</b> subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 that:<br>That a Grants to Vacate/ Home Aspirations Mobility (GTV/HAM) Scheme is operated from 2015-2016, as detailed in the Report.   |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b>   |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
| 1. The scheme was last revised in 2007 and we have seen a drop in successful purchases from 28 in 2010/2011 to an average of 15 per annum since. From discussions with interested tenants, this is primarily due to increase in house prices, particularly in the Greater London and South East regions. These are the two most popular areas applicants move to under the scheme.<br>2. Last year most property sales in Enfield involved flats which sold for an average £237,356. Terraced properties sold for an average price of £344,875, while semi-detached properties fetched £515,340.<br>3. Enfield, with an overall average price of £361,841 was cheaper than nearby London Borough of Haringey (£542,149), LB Barnet (£544,135) and LB of Islington (£686,987). The priciest area within Enfield was Hadley Wood (1,099,042) and the least expensive was Enfield Lock (£224,916).<br>4. During the last year, sold prices in Enfield were 16% up on the previous year and 23% up on 2012 when the average house price was £293,836.<br>5. The majority of sales in the south East during the last year were terraced properties, selling for an average price of £281,284. Flats sold for an average of £221,052, with detached properties fetching £526,188.<br>6. The South East, with an overall average price of £331,834 was more expensive than nearby East of England (£266,896) and West Midlands (£188,834), but was cheaper than London (£534,092). The most expensive area within South East was Surrey (£448,653) and the cheapest was Isle of Wight (£205,409). |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
| <b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>  |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
| To maximise take-up of the GTV/HAM Scheme.   |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
| <b>BACKGROUND:</b>   |   |  |  |   |  |                                       |   |
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