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DECISIONS

For additional copies or further details please contact James Kinsella (020 8379 4041), Governance Team.

CALL – IN UPDATE

Please note the following decision has been called in for review from the following list

List No.33 Issued on 24th October 2014 with a Call In date of 31st October 2014

- Enfield Residents Priority Fund – 2014/15 Enfield Residents Priority Fund – Review of Processes

LIST REFERENCE: 1/36/14-15

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT							
THE ALMA (INCLUDING DUJARDIN MEWS) LOCAL LETTINGS PLAN							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision to come into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1 & 2 (para 3)	Ponders End	Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration (Cllr Oykener)	Wednesday 12 th November 2014	None	Key Decision KD 3904	Andrew Wilson 0208 379 3687	Yes Tuesday 11 th November 2014
DECISION							
AGREED: subject to no call-in being received, the following decision will come into effect on Wednesday 12 th November 2014: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the Alma Local Lettings Plan included in Appendix 1 to the report. To note the impact of current and projected housing need on the supply of new council homes and the potential financial implications to the Council as set out in the Part 2 report. 							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The principal alternative option is not to approve the Alma Local Lettings Policy and to continue to let new council homes on Alma and Dujardin homes in accordance with the Council's Housing Allocation Scheme. This would mean the allocation of new council homes not reflecting local housing needs and therefore an inefficient use of resources (new homes). It is therefore only through the changes outlined in 4.3 of the main Part 1 report, that the housing need of the Alma community would be best met. 							

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. A local lettings plan would form a key component of the Alma Regeneration project by best meeting housing need and the aspirations of local residents. It would also be an opportunity to reduce inequality on the Alma Estate for those residents whose overcrowding is adversely affecting their mental health problems and problems with behaviour, children's educational attainment, likelihood of unemployment and poverty.
2. The Local Lettings Plan would represent a positive outcome of the consultation process and is supported by the Alma Residents Association by:
 - reassuring tenants who have lived on the Estate the longest should get first choice of the new homes; and
 - that only tenants who make a positive contribution to their local community should benefit from a bigger home with more bedrooms.
3. The Local Lettings Plan would also support the Council's intention to avoid the unnecessary displacement of residents and is designed to meet the needs of the Alma community. If approved, the Alma Local Lettings Plan would also fulfil the aspirations of the residents who strongly support and have been involved in working up the new local lettings plan.
4. All of the new comparable council homes will have larger space standards than existing dwellings and will either have a balcony or garden. Families living in overcrowded conditions will be housed in a larger property which meets their assessed need and children will have room to study.
5. The Local Lettings Plan therefore intends to strengthen the local community, improve children's prospects, reduce anti-social behaviour, address overcrowding and improve health and well-being. The Local Lettings Plan can support these aims by allocating housing based upon those tenants who are making a positive contribution to these aims.

BACKGROUND:

Please note that a copy of the part 1 report is available via the Decision list link on the Council's Democracy pages. As the Part 2 report contains exempt information it will not be available to the press or public.