



## **PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 72/19-20**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20**

Date Published: 7 April 2020

This document lists the Decisions that have been taken by the Council, which require publication in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The list covers Key, Non-Key, Council and Urgent Decisions. The list specifies those decisions, which are eligible for call-in and the date by which they must be called-in.

A valid request for call-in is one which is submitted (on the form provided) to the Governance and Scrutiny Team in writing within 5 working days of the date of publication of the decision by at least 7 Members of the Council.

Additional copies of the call-in request form are available from the Governance and Scrutiny Team.

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision, please refer to:  
– Claire Johnson (ext.1154)

*Phone 020 8132 then extension number indicated*

## INDEX OF PUBLISHED DECISIONS – 7 April 2020

List Ref	Decision Made by	Date Decision came into effect	Part 1 or 2	Subject/Title of Report	Category of Decision	Affected Wards	Eligible for Call-In & Date Decision must be called in by (If Applicable)	Page Number
1/72/19-20	Leader of the Council (Cllr Nesil Caliskan)	Wednesday 1 April 2020	Part 1	Suspension of Housing Allocations Policy	Key Decision KD: 5140	All	No (Rule 16 Urgent Decision)	1

### **DECISIONS**

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**LIST REFERENCE: 1/72/19-20**

<b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:</b>							
<b>SUSPENSION OF HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY</b>							
<b>Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)</b>	<b>Wards affected by decision</b>	<b>Decision taken by</b>	<b>Date Decision came into effect</b>	<b>Interest declared in respect of the Decision</b>	<b>Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Eligible for Call-in &amp; Date to be called in by</b>
Part 1	All	Leader of the Council (Cllr Nesil Caliskan)	Wednesday 1 April 2020	None	Key KD: 5140	Joanne Drew 020 8379 6457 <a href="mailto:Joanne.drew@enfield.gov.uk">Joanne.drew@enfield.gov.uk</a>	No (Rule 16 Urgent Decision)
<b>DECISION</b>							
<b>AGREED:</b>							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To support residents to stay at home, to suspend the Allocations policy until further notice. In its place to allocate homes as temporary accommodation. This would include homeless households and rough sleepers who need to self-isolate, NHS staff and other Enfield key workers that need to self-isolate that are existing tenants in Council housing, temporary accommodation, the Housing Gateway, referrals from Children’s Services, Adult Social Care, and Community Safety.</li> <li>2 For estate regeneration properties to continue to move in the allocated tenant where appropriate and safe to do so.</li> <li>3 That this will not apply to Sheltered Housing where the vulnerability of residents would put them at of risk infection. Allocations of Sheltered properties will be suspended unless the risk to residents in an individual scheme is deemed to be acceptable. (i.e. No households over 70 or self-isolating).</li> <li>4 To note that this is not anticipated that this will affect large numbers of properties as the restrictions will reduce the number of households seeking to move.</li> <li>5 That this decision will be reviewed following any substantial and long-term change to the Covid-19 related restrictions.</li> </ol>							
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>							
Not applicable							
<b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS</b>							
Not applicable							
<b>BACKGROUND</b>							
Please note that as this as an urgent decision related to the Coronavirus situation there is no report.							

SECTION 2: Notice of forthcoming Key Decisions for which it has not been possible to provide notice

This section lists the Key Decisions that are proposed to be taken by the Council, which require publication in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The decisions listed are those for which it has not been possible to provide 28 days' notice and need to comply with the Council's urgency procedure. There are two routes that can be followed in this instance to enable a decision to be taken.

1. Rule 15 – General Exceptions

This procedure is used in cases when:

- it is not possible to provide the required 28 days' notice of a key decision; but
- it is possible to provide a minimum of 5 working days' notice prior to the decision being taken;

2. Rule 16 – Special Urgency

This procedure should only be used in exceptional circumstances where it is not possible to:

- provide the required 28 days' notice prior of a key decision; and
- provide a minimum of 5 working days' notice prior to the decision needing to be taken;

**These decisions will not be eligible for call-in.**

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to: Claire Johnson 020 8379 4239

**COVID-19 – KEY DECISIONS – RULE 16  
NON-APPLICATION OF KEY DECISION REQUIREMENTS**

**Details of Decision**

<b>No</b>	<b>Date Decision Planned</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Proposed Decision</b>	<b>Ward/s</b>	<b>Contact</b>
1	26.03.2020	Leader	<p>To support residents to stay at home, a suspension of the Allocations policy is proposed until further notice. In its place we will allocate homes as temporary accommodation. This would include homeless households and rough sleepers who need to self-isolate, NHS staff and other Enfield key workers that need to self-isolate that are existing tenants in Council housing, temporary accommodation, the Housing Gateway, referrals from Children’s Services, Adult Social Care, and Community Safety.</p> <p>For estate regeneration properties we will continue to move in the allocated tenant where appropriate and safe to do so.</p> <p>This will not apply to Sheltered Housing where the vulnerability of residents would put them at of risk infection. Allocations of Sheltered properties will be suspended unless the risk to residents in an individual scheme is deemed to be acceptable. (i.e. No households over 70 or self-isolating).</p> <p>We do not anticipate that this will affect large numbers of properties as the restrictions will reduce the number of households seeking to move.</p> <p>This decision will be reviewed following any substantial and long-term change to the Covid-19 related restrictions.</p>	All	Joanne Drew

**Reasons for Urgency**

1	<p>Measures to control the spread of Covid-19 have reduced our ability to procure temporary accommodation as many letting agencies have shut, nor can we support residents to move on in the private rented sector due to a lack of available stock and the ability to move in. Equally our ability to let social housing properties is affected as residents are unable to view properties or move into them due to the restrictions on movement currently in place. The proposal therefore ensures the best use of the Council’s stock whilst protecting our most vulnerable residents.</p>
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## Background Papers

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Approved by Strategic Command Group on: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Approved in principle by the Decision Maker on: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Approved by the Monitoring Officer on: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Approved by the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee on: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020