

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

9 November 2009

Report of the Director of Health and Housing

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 EXTERNAL CONSULTATIONS

| Date of Reply | Consultation Document | Dealt with by |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| 30 July 2009 | Park Home Site Licensing – Improving the Management of Residential Park Home Sites | Hazel Skinner |
| 30 July 2009 | The private rented sector: professionalism and quality. The Government response to the Rugg Review. | Hazel Skinner |
| 23 October 2009 | Fair and Flexible: Draft statutory guidance on social housing | Janet Walton |

1.1 Fair and Flexible: Draft statutory guidance on social housing

1.1.1 The draft statutory guidance aims to increase the awareness and understanding of the allocations process and it encourages local authorities to involve their communities in reviewing and revising the allocations policies. The Government's proposals are presented in the context of a recent ruling in the House of Lords, and guidance that will require local authorities to review their allocations policies is scheduled to be published in November. A copy of the Council's response to the consultation is attached at **[Annex 1]**, and a copy of the Communities and Local Government (CLG) consultation document will be found on the CLG web site <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1301299.pdf>.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None arising from this report.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 None arising from this report.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 None arising from this report.

Background papers:

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Nil

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