

## REPORT

To: BELLSHILL AND DISTRICT LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP		Subject: HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW
From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES		
Date: 1 MAY 2008	Ref: RB/DM	

**1. Purpose of Report / Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Local Area Partnership on the progress of the Allocation Policy review and the consultation programme now underway.

**2. Background**

2.1 Members of the Partnership will be aware that the Council is reviewing the Allocation Policy and has commenced a consultation programme with the wider community on the proposed policy.

**3. Proposals / Considerations**

- 3.1. Since there is a wide range of stakeholders involved a number of different consultation methods were agreed.
- 3.2. A press release has appeared in local newspapers, providing information and contact points. The March edition of the North Lanarkshire News will carry a half page article and there is information in local Tenant Newsletters.
- 3.3 Some 18000 letters and executive summaries have now been issued to all listed applicants. This also provided a list of anticipated question and the opportunity for applicants to comment or contact the Council.
- 3.4 A series of road shows across the First Stop shops has taken place. The events were held at evenings and the weekends allowing residents and applicant to call and discuss the proposals and raise any questions. Comments were also invited, and to date some 250 people have been contacted in regard to enquiries raised.
- 3.5 A number of presentations and training sessions for members, tenant representatives and staff have and continue to take place.
- 3.6 A copy of the full documentation has been issued to a wider range of organisations that also have an interest for any questions or general comments they would make.

#### 4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Area Partnership note the contents of this report.



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