Report to:	Cabinet Member Communities & Housing	Date of Meeting:	April 2020
Subject:	Local Lettings Plan F	Request Lenton Avenu	ue, Formby
Report of:	Head of Regeneration & Housing	Wards Affected:	Harington
Cabinet Portfolio:	Cabinet Member Cor	nmunities & Housing	
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

To seek approval to agree to a Local Lettings Plan for Lenton Avenue, development in Formby.

Recommendation(s):

(1) That Cabinet Member approves the use of a Local Lettings Plans by Torus for the new development at Lenton Avenue in Formby.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The proposal will assist Torus (the provider) achieve a balanced community and a mix of people for the new build development in Southport, whilst still providing housing for those residents most in need.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

The Council could withhold approval from Torus to operate a Local Lettings scheme

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no additional revenue costs arising from the proposals in this report

(B) Capital Costs

There are no additional capital costs arising from the proposals in this report

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):
NA
Legal Implications:

Section 167 of the Housing Act 1996 requires Local Housing Authorities to have an Allocations scheme for determining priorities in allocating housing accommodation.

Equality Implications:

There are no equality implications

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable:

Through the prioritisation of those residents in the top two bands and in most need of social housing

Facilitate confident and resilient communities:

Proposals help maintain community stability

Commission, broker and provide core services:

The Council works with Registered Providers through Property Pool Plus to deliver its social housing allocations policy

Place – leadership and influencer:

NΑ

Drivers of change and reform:

NA

Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity:

NΔ

Greater income for social investment:

NA

Cleaner Greener

NA

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD 6029/20) has been consulted and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications for the Council in respect of these proposals

Chief Legal and Democratic Officer has been consulted and has no comments on the report (LD 4212/20)

(B) External Consultations

Torus have consulted with Officers of the Council and the proposal will be taken to Cabinet Member Communities & Housing to consider

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the "call-in" period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

Appendix 1; Local Lettings Plan Lenton Avenue Formby

Appendix 2: Equality Impact Assessment Lenton Avenue, Formby

Background Papers:

Merseyside Property Pool Plus Allocations Policy http://www.propertypoolplus.org.uk

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Torus housing association are pursuing a New Build affordable housing Scheme at Lenton Avenue, Formby through a Section 106 Planning Agreement. The development will include:
 - · 2 properties offered as Shared Ownership
 - 9 homes available for Affordable Rent (8 x 2-bedroom houses & 19 x 3-bed room houses)
- 1.2 Torus propose the use of a Local Lettings Plan (LLP) to allocate the AFFORDABLE RENTED properties on the site. The Council's own Allocations Policy (Property Pool Plus) Section 2.2 states:

Local Letting Plans

- 2.2.1 There may be occasions when Scheme Landlords will want to adopt Local Letting Plans for a limited period of time to address issues in particular neighbourhoods such as severe anti-social behaviour. This would involve the temporary use of revised allocations criteria for the affected area. Such plans will be developed and agreed with the relevant Scheme Council to ensure they do not unduly disadvantage those in reasonable preference groups. Local Lettings Plans will be published by the Scheme Partners and properties affected by such plans will be clearly identified when they are advertised.
- 1.3 The statutory basis for "local lettings policies" is within Section 167(2E) of the 1996 Housing Act which enables accommodation to be allocated to people of a particular description, that fall within the reasonable preference groups, or provides that additional priority can be given to people in any of those preference groups.

In 2010, the Communities and Local Govt Department and Chartered Institute of Housing issued a Good Practice guide for the use of Local Lettings Plans. This recognises that Local lettings policies may be used to achieve a wide variety of housing management and other housing policy objectives. For example, local lettings policies may be used to "protect existing stable communities", and "improving community stability and cohesion". The guidance also describes the

use of 'Sensitive Lettings' which can be used to address specific issues, such as the make-up of a particular block of flats, ie. having the ability to by-pass applicants to avoid potential lifestyle clashes that could arise by rehousing certain groups of applicants under one roof.

- 1.4 The PPP Allocations Policy is principally designed for the allocation and letting of individual properties. In many new-build developments housing associations are letting multiple properties at the same time; in this case 9 new affordable rented homes. The proposal from Torus, below, sets out their reasoning for an LLP and how the LLP would operate.
- 1.5 This development is a very small estate where the majority of the homes are being delivered by Elan for outright sale, Torus own 11 of the properties on this site of which 2 will be offered up as Shared Ownership and the remaining 9 offered up as Affordable Rent. All 9 properties available for rent will be advertised via Property Pool Plus. (PPP)

In summary, 60%, 5 of the properties will be allocated across the Priority Bands in the following percentage quotas:

- Band A 2 (2x 3H) (40%)
- Band B 2 (2x 3H) (40%)
- Band C 1 (1x 3H) (20%)

The remaining 40 % (4 properties – 4 x 3-bedroom houses) of the properties will be advertised on PPP for applicants in all bands with priority given to applicants who are in employed or in full time education or training to help create a sustainable and balanced community.

Whilst a request for an LLP for such a small development is unusual, Torus feel that an LLP would best support their intention of creating and maintaining a settled community. The reason behind the targets awarded to the different bands and the employment criteria is to try to create an estate made up of tenants with different lifestyles to help create a sustainable development.

The initial lettings of these 9 properties and any subsequent re-let within the first twelve months will be made in accordance with this proposal. Any continuation of the LLP after 12 months would have to be approved by the Council. Torus plan to allocate all the 9 properties from PPP, is seen as a positive.



Local Letting Scheme Lenton Avenue, Formby

Background

This development falls within the Harrington Ward, Sefton Borough Council. The borough consists of a coastal strip of land on the Irish Sea and extends from Bootle in the south, to Southport in the north. In the south-east, it extends inland to Maghull/Melling. The district is bounded by Liverpool to the south, Knowsley to the south-east, and West Lancashire to the east. As highlighted in Sefton BC's published Ward Profile (amended July 2019), in most respects the housing make-up of the ward reflects its population of predominantly settled owner occupied households: The ward contains 5,054 homes, of which only 2% (101) are social rent.

This development is a very small estate where the majority of the homes are being delivered by Elan for outright sale,

Torus own just 11 properties of which 2 are being offered as Shared Ownership and the remaining 9 being offered as Affordable Rent and will be advertised via Property Pool Plus (PPP)

Our Commitment

Torus understands the very important role we have to play in meeting the housing needs of customers on the housing register within Sefton and positively contributing to neighbourhood sustainability and cohesion.

This is our third local lettings scheme within the Sefton boundary. We currently have a number of local letting schemes in place within Liverpool and Knowsley.

The scheme aims to make a contribution to the overall sustainability of the area by helping to identify suitable tenants, who will settle and contribute to the local community, ensuring tenancies are sustainable for the long term.

In order to achieve this, we need to rehouse a good balance of tenants and a healthy mix of people, with different lifestyles. On the whole however, the content of our local letting schemes do not diverge from the overall principles of the allocation scheme and we remain committed to rehousing people in need.

We will consult with officers and Elected Members within Sefton over the content of the local letting scheme; and it is our intention, with the support of this local letting scheme, to advertise 100% of the properties on Property Pool Plus (PPP). This approach reinforces our commitment to make sure applicants on the waiting list can maximise their rehousing opportunities via our new build schemes.

We are committed to creating sustainable neighbourhoods and want all our tenants to be able to live happy, healthy and full lives. We understand a local letting policy in isolation will

not achieve this aim and that a joined-up approach across all services within Torus is required.

Demand and lettings potential

Information provided by the Property Pool Plus Partnership February 2020.

There are currently 6,294 applicants registered on Property Pool Plus (PPP) for accommodation in Sefton. 100% of allocations for this site will be from PPP. The following tables provide a breakdown of demand for the Borough across wards based on PPP applications and bids.

- Active PPP applications in Sefton in Q3
- Breakdown of Allocations by Priority Banding for Q3 Across Sefton
- Average bids for 3 bed property across Sefton Wards

Active application breakdown in Sefton

Number of applications

_	Number of a	
Band A	Total 281	4%
A – Health/Welfare	91	
A- Homeless (owed main duty)	8	
A – Homeless Relief Priority Need	34	
A – Regeneration	66	
A – Overcrowded (2 or more bedrooms)	82	
Band B	Total 1877	30%
B – Health Welfare High	671	
B – Overcrowded (by 1 bedroom)	521	
B – Disrepair	1	
B – Under Occupation	684	
Band C	Total 1368	22%
C – Health Welfare Medium	749	
C – Homeless (no priority need)	13	
C – Homeless Intentional with Priority Need	0	
C – Living with family & friends	606	
Band D	Total 731	12%
D – No assessed need and in employment	731	
Band E	Total 1909	30%
E – No assessed need	1909	
Band F	Total 128	2%
F – Reduced priority	128	
Total	6294	100%

Breakdown of Allocations by Priority Banding for Q3 in Sefton

Priority	Sefton	Sefton
Band	No	%
Band A	56	28%
Band B	63	31%
Band C	29	14%
Band D	15	8%
Band E	36	18%
Band F	1	1%

Total and Average bids for 3 bed houses within Sefton wards

Q3 2019/20	Total bids	% of Bids	Average number of bids per 3bed advertised
3 Bed Houses	3604	21	95

If we examine the data for the applicants who have a recognised need for rehousing, we can see that demand from the Urgent Band is low and equates to just 4%. Combined the demand for applicants included in high and medium is 52 %. We are therefore proposing to target a higher percentage of properties to these bands. Non priority bands combined demand equates to 44%.

We can determine from the number of bids received for 3 bed room houses within this area that there is a substantial demand for this type of accommodation.

Aims of the Local Letting Scheme

A local lettings scheme introduces flexibility into agreed allocation policies and the purpose of this local letting scheme for the development at Lenton Avenue, Formby, Sefton is to achieve balanced, cohesive communities and sustainable tenancies. This scheme aims to make a significant contribution to the overall sustainability of the area by helping to identify suitable tenants, who will settle and contribute to the local community; ensuring tenancies are sustainable for the long term.

To help us achieve this we will aim to:

- Create a stable environment and feeling of safety and wellbeing within the community, creating safe places to live that people are proud of and want to live in;
- Maintain current performance in terms of void turnover by improving the quality of the living environment and minimising anti-social behaviour, using robust processes and partnerships.
- In accordance with the Common Allocation Scheme, priority for offers will continue to be given to Sefton residents. Applicants included in Band A – F and living outside of the Sefton Borough will be considered in accordance with the 5% cross boundary limit, as stated in the Allocations Policy.

Divergence from the standard policy

The local letting scheme for these developments differs from our principal Allocation Scheme in the following ways:

- All of the properties to rent on the developments will be let at affordable rents (80% of market rent). All tenants will be awarded the standard Assured Shorthold Tenancy Agreement but, in the event, any existing Torus tenant with protected rights accepts a tenancy, they will keep these rights.
- The provision of 1 reference will be requested. If an applicant has held a tenancy, then references will be requested from either the current or previous landlord and any offers may be overlooked if references are not provided or are unsatisfactory. However, all applications will be considered on an individual basis in this respect.

- Prospective tenants must attend a pre tenancy interview and financial assessment /
 benefits check to establish applicants' financial status and suitability for the scheme.
 This approach is standard practice for Torus and was adopted due to welfare reforms
 and rent levels:
- Applicants with support needs, where no support package is in place, will be guided
 and encouraged to accept support. If a tenancy has failed previously due to support
 issues the offer may be withdrawn if applicant refuses to accept a support package.
- Priority for at least 40% (4) of the properties will be given to applicants who are in employment or full-time education/training (where they can demonstrate they have sufficient finance to pay rent). However, offers will be made in accordance with priority need. This criterion is to help create a sustainable and balanced community.
- Applicants will be required to sign the Good Neighbour Agreement

Applicants with a criminal record and/or a history of antisocial behaviour will be considered in the context of whether they are suitable to be a tenant. If there is concern their activities have not abated and will have a negative impact on these properties, neighbours or surrounding community, an offer may not be made or withdrawn. This will be subject to information provided through a police check.

Where an applicant is rejected on the basis of their criminal record or past anti-social behaviour they will be notified with an explanation as to why they are deemed unsuitable to be a tenant and given advice as to what steps are available to them to make them suitable to be a tenant in the future.

Selection Process

All affordable rent allocations managed by Tours on this development will be subject to the agreed Torus/PPP lettings criteria and 100% of the properties will be advertised via PPP. Future voids will continue to be advertised on PPP, advising applicants that a local letting scheme is in place and applicants will be required to satisfy the strict criteria already specified. We will continue to give priority to suitable applicants in accordance with the appropriate banding and date order system. This local letting scheme will be reviewed annually.

Applicants will be invited to attend a formal interview (pre-tenancy financial/affordability assessment) before an offer is confirmed, whereby the local letting criteria, good neighbour agreement and any additional checks that may be necessary, will be discussed in detail. During this interview, applicants will be required to demonstrate they understand their responsibilities as a tenant to respect their neighbours and are capable of maintaining and sustaining their tenancy.

The following targets are being proposed in relation to the demand for the area as shown above. Allocating this way will ensure that those from the priority bands are given a fair chance of securing a property. This accounts for 60 % (5) of the properties to be advertised. To help create a sustainable and balanced community, the remaining 40 % (4) of the properties will be advertised on PPP for applicants in 'All Bands', with priority given to applicants who are in employed or in full time education or training.

Band A	2 x 3H	40%
A – Health/Welfare	1	

A- Homeless (owed main duty)	1	
A – Homeless Relief Priority Need	'	
A – Regeneration		
A – Overcrowded (2 or more bedrooms)		
Band B	2 x 3H	40%
B – Health Welfare High	1	
B – Overcrowded (by 1 bedroom)	1	
B – Disrepair		
B – Under Occupation		
Band C	1	12%
C – Health Welfare Medium	1	
C – Homeless (no priority need)		
C – Homeless Intentional with Priority Need		
C – Living with family & friends		
Band D		
D - No assessed need and in employment	0	
Band E		
E – No assessed need	0	
Band F		
F – Reduced priority	0	
Total	5	100%

In the event there is insufficient demand:

Properties will be re advertised via PPP to applicants in all bands.

Consultation

In developing this policy, we have consulted with local Elected Members and Sefton Council, and they will continue to be involved in the ongoing monitoring and review.

Managing the Policy

All new tenants will be visited within 4 weeks of their tenancy start date to complete a settling in visit and will receive further home visits by Torus staff after 3, 6 and 9 months to determine their suitability to continue with the tenancy. During the visits, the following will be discussed:

- any issues raised by the tenant and/or any support needs;
- any tenancy matters including the rent account, any complaints/ASB, property damage;

Intended Outcomes

It is intended that by implementing changes to the way allocations are carried out and to allow a change of tenure within the area, the aims of the policy will be met and this will help us to create/sustain balanced and sustainable communities.

We will monitor and review the policy, using the following as indicators of the success:

- Turnover of voids
- Numbers of offers to let a property

•	Average length of tenancy	
•	Anti-Social Behaviour	
•	Customer satisfaction survey	
Appro	oved	
Execu	utive Director	(Date)
Revie	wed	
IXCVIC	· WGu	
(Direc	ctor of Landlord Services)	(Date)

Average void period

Rent loss

Torus EQUALITY ANALYSIS Sefton New Build Schemes – Local Letting Policy

Name of policy/procedure/activity, service being analysed	Lenton Avenue New Build Scheme - Local Letting Policy								
Protected Characteristic Group affected (if not all)	Race	Sex	Disability	Age	Sexual Orientation	Religion or belief	Gender reassignment	Marriage & civil partnership	Pregnancy & maternity
policy/activity/service application of a local letting policy for the opportunities for those residents with a real				at people are proud of and want to live in. We aim to achieve this though the new build properties in Sefton. This approach will help provide rehousing commitment to the area and at the same time, make a positive contribution to the live this approach together with ongoing tenancy management will help to delive this approach.				vide rehousing stribution to the	
Explain the potential for, a	nd any actual po	sitive impa	ct on these gr	oups/indiv	viduals (Steps)	(& 3)			
	Our policy and procedure will be applied equally to all applicants irrespective of race. Applicants							for rehousing and subsequently policy is applied equally to all	
Sex	rom the BME community whose first language is not English may not understand the approach we ake, but all staff are trained in the use of The Big Word and have access to a landline or a mobile whone. Information in different formats can be nade available as required. When people apply for rehousing and ubsequently receive offers, the policy is applied qually to all applicants irrespective of sex and				Gender reas:	signment	applicants irrespective of religion or belief and the will continue to apply to these schemes. When people apply for rehousing and subsequently receive offers, the policy is applied equally to a applicants irrespective of gender reassignment and this will continue to apply to these schemes.		
Disability	this will continue to apply to these schemes. Dur policy and procedure is applied equally to all applicants irrespective of disability. We can provide information in large print, Braille, on tape or CD. We can also arrange for a British Sign Language interpreter if required for hearing impaired customers			, i son et an out an	maternity	When an applicant provides confirmation pregnancy (Mat 1 form) to confirm there is expectant mother in the family, this is taken in account when calculating bedroom entitlement. The approach will continue to be applied to the schemes.		onfirmation of rm there is ar sis is taken into entitlement. This	
Age	The minimum a tenancy is 18 schemes.	*			Marriage & c	ivil partnership	When people apply for rehousing and subsequently receive offers anyone who describes themselves a being part of a couple, irrespective of marriage or civil partnership, the application of the bedroom standard is applied equally in terms of eligibility for housing and this will continue to apply to these schemes.		
Sexual Orientation	This policy is irrespective of s			applicants					
Explain the potential for, a	nd any actual ne	egative imp	act on these g	roups/indi	ividuals (Steps	4 & 5)			
Race	The process for applying for rehousing and the local letting scheme may not be easily understood by tenants who do not speak English. There is no information in the Census to indicate				ellef		egative impacts on ti i irrespective of religio		

what proportion of residents do not speak English, but we will arrange written translations or/and face to face interpreters for anyone experiencing a difficulty.		
There are no negative impacts on the scheme which is fully inclusive irrespective of sex.	Gender reassignment	There are no negative impacts of the policy which is fully inclusive irrespective of gender reassignment.
As part of the Allocation % targets we have discussed with Sefton Borough Council, 60 % of the properties will be targeted to applicants in the Priority bands (urgent, high and medium bands) all of which include applicants with a health/welfare condition and this will go some way to meeting the needs of applicants with a health condition that is compounded by their current living conditions. The remaining 40 % will also be available for applicants who have a health/welfare condition but will have to meet the employment or training criteria.	Prognancy & maternity	There are no negative impacts of the policy which is fully inclusive irrespective of pregnancy or maternity.
However, older applicants may have a difficulty using PPP and staff will be happy placing bids on behalf of any applicant who might be	Marriage and civil partnership	There are no negative impacts of the policy which is fully inclusive irrespective of marriage and civil partnership.
There are no negative impacts on the scheme which is fully inclusive irrespective of sexual orientation.		
	English, but we will arrange written translations or/and face to face interpreters for anyone experiencing a difficulty. There are no negative impacts on the scheme which is fully inclusive irrespective of sex. As part of the Allocation % targets we have discussed with Sefton Borough Council, 60 % of the properties will be targeted to applicants in the Priority bands (urgent, high and medium bands) all of which include applicants with a health/welfare condition and this will go some way to meeting the needs of applicants with a health condition that is compounded by their current living conditions. The remaining 40 % will also be available for applicants who have a health/welfare condition but will have to meet the employment or training criteria. There are no negative impacts on the scheme which is fully inclusive irrespective of age. However, older applicants may have a difficulty using PPP and staff will be happy placing bids on behalf of any applicant who might be experiencing a difficulty. There are no negative impacts on the scheme which is fully inclusive irrespective of sexual	English, but we will arrange written translations or/and face to face interpreters for anyone experiencing a difficulty. There are no negative impacts on the scheme which is fully inclusive irrespective of sex. As part of the Allocation % targets we have discussed with Sefton Borough Council, 60 % of the properties will be targeted to applicants in the Priority bands (urgent, high and medium bands) all of which include applicants with a health/welfare condition and this will go some way to meeting the needs of applicants with a health condition that is compounded by their current living conditions. The remaining 40 % will also be available for applicants who have a health/welfare condition but will have to meet the employment or training criteria. There are no negative impacts on the scheme which is fully inclusive irrespective of age. However, older applicants may have a difficulty using PPP and staff will be happy placing bids on behalf of any applicant who might be experiencing a difficulty. There are no negative impacts on the scheme which is fully inclusive irrespective of sexual

Explain the actual opportunities, and the potential for opportunities that this policy/activity/service provides to advance equality and promote community cohesion (Steps 6-8-7)

Race	The PPP web site links to ROK talk providing an on-line facility to translate the information displayed into Arabic, Mandarin, Czech, Portuguese, Polish, Russian and Turkish. All staff have been trained in the use of The Big Word language interpreting service and will help applicants to complete a PPP application and will place bids on their behalf if they have a difficulty using the system. We have consulted with local residents and Ward Councillors and the outcome is included in the LLP.	Religion or belief	This policy provides an opportunity to improve rehousing opportunities for those people with a real commitment to the area and this will be applied irrespective of religion or belief.
Sex	This policy provides an opportunity to improve rehousing opportunities for those people with a real commitment to the area and this will be applied irrespective of the sex of applicants.	Gender reassignment	This policy provides an opportunity to improve rehousing opportunities for those people with a real commitment to the area and this will be applied irrespective of gender reassignment.
Disability	Although this scheme provides limited rehousing opportunities for applicants with a mobility difficulty, as tenants circumstances change in the future, there will be a facility to install minor adaptations such as hand rails, grab rails and bath seats etc to help them remain in their home.	Pregnancy & maternity	This policy provides an opportunity to improve rehousing opportunities for those people with a real commitment to the area and reflect the needs of families with expectant mothers.
Age	This policy provides an opportunity to improve rehousing opportunities for those people with a real commitment to the area and this will be applied irrespective of the age of applicants.	Marriage and civil partnership	This policy provides an opportunity to improve rehousing opportunities for those people with a real commitment to the area and this will be applied irrespective of marriage and civil partnerships.

Sexual Orientation	This policy provides an opportunity to improve rehousing opportunities for those people with a real commitment to the area and this will be applied irrespective of the sexual orientation of applicants.		
Detail your conclusion	s about the policy/activity/service/ and reasons (Step 8)		
Race	This policy provides an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to providing sustainable homes and communities by providing homes in the areas customers choose to live, with the support of secure tenancies.	Religion or belief	There are no negative impacts on the service which is fully inclusive irrespective of religion or belief. We will continue to work with all strategic partners to achieve the strategic aims and meet the housing needs of our customers.
Sex	This policy will be applied, irrespective of the sex of applicants and provides an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to providing sustainable homes and communities by providing the types of homes people want in the areas they choose to live. We will continue to work with all strategic partners to achieve the strategic aims and meet the housing needs of our customers.	Gender reassignment	This policy will be applied, irrespective of gender reassignment and provides an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to providing sustainable homes and communities by providing the types of homes people want in the areas they choose to live. We will continue to work with all strategic partners to achieve the strategic aims and meet the housing needs of our customers.
Disability	As part of the Allocation 36 targets we have discussed with Sefton Borough Council 60 % of the properties will be targeted to applicants in the Priority bands (urgent, high and medium bands) all of which include applicants with a health/welfare condition and this will go some way to meeting the needs of applicants with a health condition that is compounded by their current living conditions. The remaining 40 % will also be available for	Pregnancy & maternity	This policy continues to recognise the needs of growing families where any member of the household is expecting a baby and provides an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to providing sustainable homes and communities by providing the types of homes people want in the areas they choose to live. We will continue to work with all strategic partners to achieve the strategic aims and meet the housing

	applicants who have a health/welfare condition but will have to meet the employment or training criteria. We will continue to work with all strategic partners to achieve the strategic aims and meet the housing needs of our customers.		needs of our customers.
Адя	This policy will be applied, irrespective of the age of applicants but recognises that some older applicants might need additional help to place bids for properties in this scheme. The policy provides an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to providing sustainable homes and communities by providing the types of homes people want in the areas they choose to live. We will continue to work with all strategic partners to achieve the strategic aims and meet the housing needs of our customers.	Marriage and civil partnership	This policy will be applied, irrespective of marriage and civil partnership and provides an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to providing sustainable homes and communities by providing the types of homes people want in the areas they choose to live. We will continue to work with all strategic partners to achieve the strategic aims and meet the housing needs of our customers.
Sexual Orientation	This policy will be applied, irrespective of sexual orientation and provides an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to providing sustainable homes and communities by providing the types of homes people want in the areas they choose to live. We will continue to work with all strategic partners to achieve the strategic aims and meet the housing needs of our customers.		

What further work/activity needs to be done as a result of this Equality Analysis? (Step 9)

 $\ensuremath{\text{N/A}}$ identify what needs to be done, how it will be done and the date that it will be complete.

N/A Who will be responsible for action plan completion? Wh	en will the (new) policy/activity/service	e/ be implemented?	
This policy will be implemented to coincide with the comp			
Lisa O'Connell, Service Lead allocations, in conjunction will Equality Analysis.	th staff from the local neighbourhood te	am will be responsible for delivering a	ny actions arising from this
*Actions agreed with Equality & Diversity Manager must	be recorded on Covalent		
When will this Equality Analysis be due for monitor /revi	ew? (Step 10) 12 months after the date	all of the properties are let.	
Who will complete the reviews?			
Lisa O'Connell			
Name of Service Manager	Lisa O'Connell	Date EA completed	April 2020
Name of Head of Service/AD/Director to contact	Jan Calland		
Name of E & D Manager		Date EA reviewed	
Name of Head of Business Support		Date EA reviewed	
Comments:			
Referred to		Date referred	