



# Vale of White Horse

District Council

## Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER OR KEY DECISION OF OFFICER			
1	<b>Name of Decision maker</b>	Councillor Roger Cox	
2	<b>Type of Decision</b> (Please <input type="checkbox"/> as appropriate)	<b>Key</b>	<b>Other</b>  Yes
3	<b>Date of Decision</b> (This should be the same as the date form signed)		
4	<b>The Decision</b>	<i>The cabinet member is asked to approve the adoption of the power, contained in part 7 of the Localism Act that allows housing authorities to discharge its duties towards accepted homeless applicants by making a suitable offer of accommodation in the private rented sector.</i>	
5	<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	<p>Part 7 of the Localism Act introduced new powers which local authorities can choose to adopt in relation to how they deal with households who are accepted as homeless. Under Part 7 of the Localism Act, local authorities can now choose to discharge the main homeless duty by making an offer of <b>suitable</b> private rented accommodation.</p> <p>Alongside this government has introduced the Suitability of Accommodation Order 2012 which sets out the measures local authorities must take to ensure that this private sector accommodation is suitable. The Localism Act also offers various protections to households and introduces a statutory right to review regarding the suitability of such an offer.</p> <p>The power contained in the Localism Act is an additional tool that the council can use to deal with homelessness. The power is subject to strict criteria concerning both the suitability of the accommodation and the suitability of the homeless applicant to be able to manage in that accommodation and officers will ensure that no inappropriate placements are made.</p>	

		Adoption of the power therefore provides an additional option for us to deal with homeless persons without having to resort to using temporary accommodation.
6	<b>Alternative Options Rejected</b>	The decision is to adopt a power contained in the Localism Act. The council could opt not to adopt the power but officers feel that adoption allows its use when appropriate to offer additional options for homeless people needing housing.
7	<b>Resource Implications</b>	None
8	<b>Legal implications</b>	Approved as in accordance with legislative guidance
9	<b>Financial implications</b>	None
10	<b>List of Consultees</b> (See guidance below)	Legal/Equalities/Comms
11	<b>Reports and Background Papers Considered</b>	Localism Act Part 7
12	<b>Date of receipt of Reports</b>	n/a
13	<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None
14	<b>Dispensations</b>	None
15	<b>Is this decision confidential and if so, under which Exempt category?</b>	No
16	<b>"Call in" Waived?</b>	No
17	<b>Signature and Date</b>	Roger Cox 14 March 2013 Decision maker  Dated

18	<p><b>This form must be physically handed to a member of the Democratic Services Team</b></p>	<p>Note: The date and time at which this form is received will be recorded by the Head of Democratic Services. The decision will then be published and is subject to "call in".</p> <p><i>ell</i></p> <p>Date <i>14-3-13</i> Time <i>15:45</i></p> <p>Head of Democratic Services      Date and Time Form Received</p>
19	<p><b>Details of Publication on the Web and date of expiry of "Call In"</b></p> <p>Note: This part of the Form will be completed by Democratic Services</p>	<p>Date of Expiry of "Call In" ..... <i>21-3-13</i> .....</p> <p>Date Published..... <i>14-3-13</i> .....</p> <p>Date <del>hand delivered</del> <sup><i>emailed</i></sup> to Chair of Scrutiny..... <i>14-3-13</i> .....</p>

given to report writers.