

Report on	Council response to DfC Consultation on A Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the draft consultation response developed on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council in relation to the proposed Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations.
2.0	Background
2.1	The DfC are currently consulting on the reform of the current processes used to determine the allocation of social housing. The consultation closes on 21 December 2017.
2.2.	It was agreed that the Director of Public Health & Infrastructure would oversee the development of a consultation response to DfC on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	As a result of research carried out by the University of Ulster and Cambridge the Department for Communities has developed proposals for changes to the current social housing allocations system.
3.2	The Department have stated that the intended outcomes of the proposals are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A greater range of solutions to meet housing need; •An improved system for the most, vulnerable applicants •A more accurate waiting list that reflects current housing circumstances; •Those in greatest housing need receive priority, with recognition of their time in need; and •Better use of public resources by ensuring the list moves smoothly.
3.3	Council's draft response (attached as Appendix A) encourages the Department to find local solutions to local problems rather than implementing a one size fits all approach and also to consult further on some aspects of their proposals.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>

	Financial: N/A Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> <u>N/A</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that members approve the attached response to the Consultation on A Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A: Draft Response