

Amendments to Draft Policy following Scrutiny comments.

The below amendments have been made to the policy considerations following a) Scrutiny informal session on 12th Feb b) Scrutiny meeting on 12th March and c) a meeting with residents on 21st March.

- 1) The need for consultation and information gathering at the earliest opportunity is important to understand the numbers and profile/need of affected residents wishing to return and the property.
- 2) Through this initial consultation residents should be formally asked to record their interest, or not, and once the decision to proceed is made they will be formally classed as a 'returner' at the rehousing registration stage. Only those residents captured as a returner at this stage will retain their option to return.
- 3) By getting an early understanding of the property type requirements of those wishing to remain it may be possible for this to influence the new build property types being replaced and the phasing of the development. However this will need to be balanced against the viability of any scheme design both in financial and physical terms. Individual scheme decisions will need to consider this within decision reports.
- 4) All eligible affected residents, once registered will be supported in regard to the bidding process.
- 5) It aims to address the needs of the Council's secure tenants and residents impacted by the proposals via a CPO whilst facilitating the development and building works, maintaining stable communities and meeting the needs of individuals who sometimes need to remain in an affected area. It can further create greater community input into the regeneration of their area.
- 6) It is recognised that there may be individual circumstances where flexibility is required on a scheme by scheme basis
- 7) Where there are dispersed temporary accommodation tenants within affected BCC properties who wish to remain in the area, consideration for inclusion in the returners list will be given, in line with the allocation policy and this will be captured within individual Local Letting Plans.
- 8) Each regeneration area will have its own development plan and timetable and this will influence the rehousing options available to tenants. The rehousing programme will be designed through the Local lettings Plan to allow as many secure tenants as possible to have a single move.
- 9) In all circumstances, the Council will make a maximum of 2 (changed from 1) direct offers as a returner in line with the current allocation scheme and subject to the availability of properties. This will be on the same tenure and rent basis.