

Information briefing

Report To: Housing and Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 14 February 2017

Title: Allocations Scheme Update

Implementation of the Allocations Scheme is progressing on the timetable previously presented to the Housing and Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Since the last update to Overview and Scrutiny:

- Final testing of the IT solution was completed and the system was signed-off as being fit for purpose;
- Abritas – the IT supplier – have built and delivered the live system;
- Agreement has been reached with Service Birmingham for the ongoing administration and support of the system;
- Stakeholders have been briefed on the re-registration process. All elected members have been sent information about the process;
- The staff training plan has been implemented;
- The re-registration team has been recruited and accommodated in an equipped office;
- The re-registration process has commenced with letters going in phased batches to all existing applicants (c20,000);
- The on-line application portal is open for re-registering applicants.

The new scheme will be fully implemented on 20 April 2017. From this point new applicants will apply and be assessed against the new scheme.

Mike Walsh, Service Lead – Commissioning Centre of Excellence

Tel. 0121 464 2186 Email: Michael.walsh@birmingham.gov.uk