

SUBJECT:	MUTUAL EXCHANGE POLICY
DIRECTORATE:	HOUSING AND INVESTMENT
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Housing Scrutiny Sub Committee with a copy of the Councils Mutual Exchange Policy and Procedures

The Policy was amended during the Covid pandemic in line with the Governments directive to not allow any non-essential moves during lockdowns or at other times when the movement of people should be avoided.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 A meeting has taken place with members of LTP to advise on the legal position in relation to mutual exchanges.
- 2.2 Following this meeting LTP members were going to look at the repairs procedure relating to mutual exchanges. Any proposed changes will need to be costed and their impact on the HRA considered before changes in policy can be recommended.

3. Organisational Impacts

3.1 Finance

At this stage there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

3.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

At this stage, there are no legal implications arising from this report.

3.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their

activities.

Due to the nature of this report, there are no equality, diversity and human rights impacts to be assessed however their impact will be considered as part of the service delivery at all times.

4. Risk Implications

4.1 (i) No risks identified in this quarter.

5. Recommendation

5.1 Members are asked to note

- a) The current Mutual Exchange Policy and procedure
- b) Receive a further report following recommendations from LTP of areas for review

Is this a key decision?

Yes/No

Do the exempt information categories apply?

Yes/No

Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply?

Yes/No

How many appendices does the report contain?

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List of Background Papers:

None

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