

Record of Executive Decision

HOMELESSNESS REVIEWS/APPEALS COMMITTEE

Decision of: Councillor Smart, Executive Councillor for Housing & Health

Reference: 04/H&H/27

Date of decision: 21 April 2004 (recorded on 30 April)

Decision Type: Not a key decision.

Matter for Decision: Whether the Council should change its current system of homelessness reviews.

Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options): The current system of review was, for a number of reasons, not working effectively. The alternative options were listed in the report.

The Executive Councillor's decision:

Subject to consideration by the Civic Affairs Committee in view of the amendment required to the Constitution, to recommend Council to out source the homelessness decision review/appeals procedure to an external agency, on a three-year contract (option 4).

Reasons for the decision: These are outlined in the report (para 6).

Scrutiny consideration: The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Executive Councillor by 5 votes to 4.

Report: Agenda Item 17 of the Housing & Health Scrutiny Committee, 21 April 2004

Conflicts of interest:

Comments: -

5.7 Homelessness Appeals Committee

Review of decisions under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996	
Function	Provision of Act or Statutory Instrument
<p>Review of decisions made in relation to the discharge of the Council's obligations to people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness.</p> <p>Note: Review of decisions other than those as to whether</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an applicant is homeless or threatened with homelessness; • an applicant has a priority need; • an applicant is homeless intentionally • an applicant has a local connection • an application should be referred to another local authority <p>are delegated to the Director of Community Services</p>	<p>Part VII of the Housing Act 1996</p>