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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board: Environment and Neighbourhoods

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008

### Subject: Lettings Inquiry – Proposed Statement

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

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Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 During the last municipal year, the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) undertook an inquiry into Choice Based Lettings. The Board agreed an interim report which allowed further scrutiny to take place at a future date.
- 1.2 As part of the ongoing work of the Board in this area, a working group was set up to discuss the proposed changes to the lettings policy and to provide an opportunity for Board members to feed their comments into the consultation process before the changes are agreed.

## 2.0 Proposed Statement of the Board

- 2.1 The working group reviewed each proposed change to the Lettings Policy in detail and discussed the benefits and issues raised. Members of the working group were Cllr Blackburn, Cllr Castle, Cllr Rafique and Cllr Anderson. Following the discussions, a draft statement has been produced and is attached for the discussion of the Board. Members may wish to amend this document before agreeing its content.

## 3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The Board is requested to discuss, amend and agree the attached statement.

### Background Papers

Lettings Policy – draft changes consultation document