

Overview & Scrutiny

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Allocations Policy

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board – February 2014

At its meeting on 19 February 2014, the Overview and Scrutiny Board considered a report which set out details of a review of the Council's Allocations Policy which had been undertaken in light of the Localism Act 2011 which enabled local authorities to restrict access to their register for social housing. The review aimed to ensure that the Council was providing the best opportunities for local residents and making the most appropriate use of the social housing stock in Torbay.

Questions were raised during the debate on the issue about whether the Council had the appropriate information about the sizes of homes which were available and being built in Torbay compared with the size of home which was required to meet the needs of households on the Register. It was reported that the proposed Annual Lettings Plan would provide some of this information together with the new Housing Strategy.

It was recommended to the Council that the proposed Housing Allocations Policy be amended to include information about the size and type of housing which is required to meet the needs of the households within Torbay.