

**INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS
DECISION RECORDING LOG**

DECISION DETERMINED ON: Wednesday, 27 January 2016

**DECISION WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON: 5th February 2016
(Subject to "Call-in" by appropriate Select Committee)**

DECISION 1

SUBJECT: Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Programme - Minor Amendment to Allocation Policy

DIVISION/WARD AFFECTED: All Wards

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make a minor amendment to the Council's Homesearch allocation policy to support and facilitate the Council's participation in the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Programme.

DECISION:

To agree to the minor amendment as detailed in Para 3.5. The current policy has provision for Special Management Lettings in the event of exceptional circumstances and urgent housing need. It is agreed that this policy be updated as detailed below:

Special Management Lettings

We recognise that there may be exceptional circumstances where the only way an exceptionally urgent housing need can be resolved is through the use of management discretion.

There is ability in very urgent cases for MHR Operational Sub Group to exercise discretion. In the interests of fairness to all applicants these circumstances are kept to an absolute minimum. Such cases will include the following circumstances:

- a) Residents of Monmouthshire who are RSL tenants whose homes are damaged by flood, fire or other disaster may be provided with another tenancy immediately if it is not possible to repair their existing accommodation.
- b) Households who on Police advice must be moved as a matter of urgency, e.g. continued harassment, racial harassment, hate crimes, and domestic abuse.
- c) Humanitarian protection, vulnerable person schemes/resettlement schemes or where an applicant has an exceptional need that is not covered by the allocation scheme. This may Child or Public Protection issues require urgent rehousing

REASONS:

The Council has agreed to support the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Central government funding is available to cover a range of measures to assist the support to Syrian households. In the context of accommodation, the actual costs will be covered of up to two months void costs when securing accommodation plus the actual cost of adapting and furnishing properties where necessary

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no negative implications relating to this report.

SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

There are no Safeguarding or Corporate Parenting Implications with this report.

CONSULTEES:

Cabinet; Senior Leadership Team; Head of Community Led Delivery; Head of Policy & Engagement; Accountant (Housing & Communities); Monmouthshire, Charter and Melin Housing Associations.

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SIGNATURE:

In taking this decision, I declare that I have no personal interest as defined under the County Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

Signed:

Dated: