



## Public Session

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**To:** Policy Review Committee  
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### **Title: Private Sector Assistance Policy**

#### **Summary:**

The report introduces a new private sector assistance policy for consideration before consultation. It is proposed to return in March 2018 to request final approval and to request that the policy is adopted. The new private sector assistance policy introduces some new discretionary grants and loans.

The report and appendix considered by the Executive on 4 January 2018 are attached to this report at Appendices 1 and 2.

#### **Recommendations:**

- i. **Policy Review Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and make any comments on the Public Sector Assistance Policy.**

#### **Reasons for recommendation**

The Committee is asked to consider the report as part of their role in developing and reviewing the effectiveness of Council policies.

The Private Sector Assistance Policy would allow the Council to provide discretionary private sector assistance. Amendments introduced through the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 allow housing authorities the flexibility to provide discretionary assistance but they must publish a policy and exercise their power in accordance with their policy.

## **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1 Please see section 1 of the report considered by the Executive on 4 January 2018 at Appendix 1 to this report.

## **2 The Report**

- 2.1 Please see section 2 of the report considered by the Executive on 4 January 2018 attached at Appendix 1 of this report.

## **3 Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters**

### **Legal Issues**

- 3.4 Please see section 3 of the report considered by the Executive on 4 January 2018 attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

### **Financial Issues**

- 3.5 Please see section 3 of the report considered by the Executive on 4 January 2018 attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

### **Impact Assessment**

- 3.6 Please see section 3.3 of the report considered by the Executive on 4 January 2018 attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

## **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Policy Review Committee has responsibility for contributing to the development of new Council policy and reviewing the effectiveness of existing Council policy; the Committee's comments and observations on the Private Sector Assistance Policy are welcomed.

## **5. Background Documents**

None.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - Report to Executive 4 January 2018  
Appendix 2 – Private Sector Assistance Policy