



## Boston Borough Council

### Delegated Decision Record

This records a key or other decision taken by the Cabinet in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegations (as set out in Section 3 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution).

Unless the Leader and the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee certify that the matter is so urgent that the normal five-day scrutiny delay on action should not apply, then this decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five clear working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under the call-in procedures as set out in Section E of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Decision Maker	Cabinet
Report Title	Revised Housing Allocations Policy BBC/ELDC
Summary Background	To follow recent changes in national guidance and legislation around Social Housing Allocations.
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Ward(s) Affected	All
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	Yes
In Forward Plan?	Yes
Date of Decision	27 January 2026
Date Published	29 January 2026
Call-In Expiry	5 February 2026
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	<b>Resolved:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the revised Housing Allocations Policy 2025 be approved; and</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director – Communities and Housing Services in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder to make minor changes to the policy that would not require a consultation exercise as per legislation.</li> </ol>
Reason(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate new legal and regulatory changes.</li> <li>• Clarify and streamline processes for applicants and staff.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve fairness, transparency, and responsiveness in housing allocations.</li> <li>• Ensure the policy is fit for purpose in today's housing landscape.</li> <li>• We are committed to making the policy as clear, up to date, and useful as possible, both for those seeking housing and for the authorities administering it.</li> <li>• Ensure minor policy changes can be made quickly.</li> </ul>
Options	Do nothing - Failure to incorporate recent amendments to national guidance and legislation into the Social Housing Allocations Policy would result in the policy becoming non-compliant with statutory requirements. This non-compliance could render the policy unlawful, as local authorities are legally obligated to ensure that their housing allocation frameworks reflects current legislation.
Further Information	N/A