

Record of Cabinet portfolio member decision

ADOPTION OF HOUSING POWERS CONTAINED IN LOCALISM ACT DATE OF PUBLICATION – 15 MARCH 2013

- NB: The Head of Legal and Democratic Services must receive a request to call-in this decision by 4.30pm on Friday 22 March 2013.
- Subject to the call-in mechanism this decision will be implemented on Monday 25 March 2013.
- The council's cabinet portfolio holder has taken the executive decision outlined below. This decision is published in accordance with the council's procedure rules.

DECISION TAKER	DETAILS OF DECISION
Mrs A Badcock	To approve the adoption of the power, contained in part 7 of the Localism Act that allows housing authorities to discharge its duties towards accepted homeless applicants by making a suitable offer of accommodation in the private rented sector.
	<p>Reasons for recommending decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The power contained in the Localism Act is an additional tool that the council can use to deal with homelessness. The power is subject to strict criteria concerning both the suitability of the accommodation and the suitability of the homeless applicant to be able to manage in that accommodation and officers will ensure that no inappropriate placements are made. • Adoption of the power therefore provides an additional option for us to deal with homeless persons without having to resort to using temporary accommodation.
	<p>Alternative option considered</p> <p>The decision is to adopt a power contained in the Localism Act. The council could opt not to adopt the power but officers feel that adoption allows its use when appropriate to offer additional options for homeless people needing housing.</p>

If you have any queries regarding this decision please contact the decision taker above or Paul Staines, Head of Health and Housing, paul.staines@southandvale.gov.uk 01491 823471.

A copy of the report considered by the Cabinet member is available from Steven Corrigan, Democratic Services Manager, Legal & Democratic Services, 01491 823049, steven.corrigan@southandvale.gov.uk