

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Record of Executive Decision

Monday, 15 April 2013

**Portfolio**

**Subject:** Revised Council Housing Transfer Incentive Scheme

**Report of:**

**Strategy/Policy:**

**Corporate  
Objectives:**

**Purpose:**

To amend the eligibility criteria for incentive payments offered to tenants who are looking to transfer to smaller accommodation.

The report proposes changes to the eligibility criteria for incentive payments offered to tenants who are prepared to transfer to smaller accommodation which better meets their housing needs.

The proposals were considered by the Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel on 14 March 2013 and are recommended for approval.

**Options Considered:**

As Recommended That the Executive agree to restrict eligibility to council tenants of non working age who are living in family sized housing accommodation and;

Agree to make a contribution toward removal costs of up to £500 for working age tenants where they move to smaller accommodation.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED That the Executive agree to restrict eligibility to council tenants of non working age who are living in family sized housing accommodation and;

Agree to make a contribution toward removal costs of up to £500 for working age tenants where they move to smaller accommodation.

**Reason:**

At present all tenants that transfer to smaller accommodation qualify for an incentive payment. Arising from changes in welfare reform from April 2013 there is likely to be an increase in the number of working age tenants applying for a transfer to smaller

accommodation to avoid a reduction in housing benefit. Current funding will not meet the increased demand prompting a review of the eligibility criteria.

**Confirmed as a true record:**