RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 29 AUGUST 2013

title: REVIEW OF THE HOUSING WAITING LIST

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present a more detailed assessment of housing waiting lists.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
 - Community Objectives to match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing needs.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At Health and Housing Committee in May 2013, Members approved the revised Housing Allocations Policy. The Housing Allocations Policy 2013 is now operating and all applicants on the waiting list have had their application repointed and all new applications will follow the current policy.
- 2.2 Within the policy it was agreed that a report reviewing the housing waiting list would be brought to Health and Housing Committee. This request was prompted by Members' interests in seeking more clarity of the number of households on the waiting list compared to the actual numbers of households in housing need.
- 3 ISSUES
- 3.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is an assessment of all house types on the waiting list with the number of households in each point banding. The banding of each priority is as follows:

0-15 points – low priority

16-35 points - medium priority

36-50 points – high priority

51-70 points – high priority but this is questionable as could include up to 45 points of non-housing needs related points.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
 - Resources No implications identified.
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal No implications identified.
 - Political No implications identified.

- Reputation To demonstrate a clearer picture of the number of households in housing need in the borough.
- Equality & Diversity No implications identified.

5 **CONCLUSION**

5.1 That Committee accept the contents of the report and the need to accept the difference between the number of households on the list and number of households in housing need.

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APPENDIX 1

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RVH Points Assessment Summary

Points bandings Household Group SINGLE	71+	51-70	36-50	16-35	0-15	Total	% of total list
	0	6	20	87	65	178	16
COUPLE	0	3	4	26	26	59	5
FAMILY-CHILDREN	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
ELDERLY [SINGLE]	3	43	70	151	51	318	28
ELDERLY [COUPLE]	1	14	16	42	19	92	8
MIXED/EXTENDED FAMILY	0	0	1	2	1	4	0
LONE PARENT ACCESS	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
ELDERLY [TWO SINGLE]	0	20	6	2	0	28	3
COUPLE [SHELTERED]	0	36	43	58	8	145	13
COUPLE + 1 CHILD	0	0	3	18	19	40	4
COUPLE + 2 BOYS	0	0	2	4	2	8	1
COUPLE + 2 GIRLS	0	1	1	2	0	4	0
COUPLE + BOY\GIRL <9	0	0	0	5	0	5	0
COUPLE + ADULT	0	0	0	3	3	6	1
COUPLE+ ADULT [SHELT]	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
SINGLE + 3 CHILDREN	0	0	4	9	7	20	2
SINGLE +BOY/GIRL<9	0	0	1	1	4	6	1
SINGLE +BOY/GIRL>9	0	0	0	4	4	8	1
SINGLE+ 2 CHILDREN	0	0	0	6	2	8	1

SINGLE + 2 BOYS	0	0	1	8	6	15	1
SINGLE + 2 GIRLS	0	0	1	8	2	11	1
SINGLE +2BOYS/2GIRLS	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
COUPLE +2BOYS/2GIRLS	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
COUPLE +3CHILDREN	0	1	0	7	3	11	1
SINGLE + 1 CHILD	0	2	5	40	38	85	8
SINGLE+>4 CHILDREN	0	0	1	4	1	6	1
TWO SINGLE	0	2	3	7	12	24	2
COUPLE>5 CHILDREN	0	0	0	3	5	8	1
THREE SINGLES	0	0	0	4	0	4	0
COUPLE+ADULT+1 CHILD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
COUPLE + 2 CHILDREN	0	0	1	5	8	14	1
Total	4	128	183	512	263	1117	100

0-15 Low Priority

16-35 Medium Priority

36-50 High Priority

51-70 High Priority Questionable as could include up to 45 points of non housing need related points