



## **BRECKLAND COUNCIL**

### **DELEGATED DECISION RECORD**

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

Unless the Leader and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission 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 working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under the call-in procedures as set out in Section D of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

<b>Portfolio/Cabinet</b>	Cabinet
<b>Report Title (&amp; Reference No.)</b>	Housing Renewal Policy
<b>Summary Background</b>	To bring forward a review of the Housing Renewal Policy and to incorporate an Equity Release Programme as part of a Norfolk Local Area Agreement initiative.
<b>Author/Contact Officer</b>	Gordon Partridge (Principal Environmental Health Officer)
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	N/A
<b>Urgent?</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>In Forward Plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Date Decision Taken</b>	Tuesday, 15 September 2009
<b>Date Published</b>	Thursday, 17 September 2009
<b>Call-In Expiry</b>	Thursday, 24 September 2009
<b>Exempt Information?</b>	No
<b>Decision (Action Agreed)</b>	<b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> that the Housing Renewal Policy and the Enhance Equity Release Scheme be adopted.
<b>Reasons(s)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To enable the Council to offer assistance to help vulnerable households to maintain their properties, enhance their quality of life and to prevent deterioration of Breckland's private housing stock.</li> <li>2) The inclusion of the Equity Release Programme taps</li> </ol>

	<p>into an additional £1million external funding stream as part of a joint bid by the seven District Councils to assist in meeting the Norfolk LAA target for Decent Homes. It further increases the potential interventions the Council can make to help maintain the private sector stock (an issue identified in the recent CAA audit).</p> <p>3) The continuation of the existing schemes and the addition of the equity release option demonstrates the Council's commitment to improve and maintain the private sector stock. The latest stock condition survey indicates that 17% of the private stock fails the Decent Homes standard.</p>
<b>Options</b>	<p>To adopt the new policy and equity release scheme which reflects current legislative provision widens the scope of available assistance.</p> <p>Not to adopt the new Policy.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	<p>Housing Renewal Policy Report</p> <p>Housing Renewal Policy</p>

