

Recommendation to Full Council

16 April 2026

From Cabinet meeting of 3 March 2026

Dorset Council Housing Allocations Policy 2026 – 2031

For Recommendation to Council

Cabinet Member and Portfolio:

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Report Status: Public

Recommendation:

That the Housing Allocations Policy 2026–2031 be approved, subject to an amendment to section 4.15 replacing the first bullet point with the following text:

- applicants who own, or part own, or have any legal or beneficial interest in a residential property in the UK or abroad, whether occupied by them or let to others. This includes applicants who hold such an interest directly or indirectly, including through a company, partnership, trust, or other legal entity, where the applicant has control of, or a material interest in, that entity and it owns residential property, or*

Appendices

Dorset Council Housing Allocation Policy 2026 – 2031 report to the People and Health Overview Committee, which included the following appendices:

Appendix 1 – Draft Dorset Council Housing Allocation Policy
Appendix 2 – Consultation response
Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)

Background papers

[Agenda, decisions and draft minutes for Cabinet on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2026, 6.30 pm - Dorset Council](#)

[Agenda and draft minutes for People and Health Overview Committee on Monday, 2nd February 2026, 6.30 pm - Dorset Council](#)