

Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

**Meeting:** Cabinet

**Date:** 5 June 2019

**Subject:** Discretionary Housing Payment Amended Policy 2019/2020

**Report of:** Head of Service Delivery

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The Cabinet is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Scrutiny Committee held on 4 February 2019 as set out below.

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**Minute extract**  
**Scrutiny Committee – 4 February 2019**

**49. Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) Policy 2019/2020**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Service Delivery for the Scrutiny Committee to review the revised Discretionary Housing Payment Policy for Lewes District Council and Eastbourne Borough Council.

Members discussion included:

- A request for information on the 2018/19 Lewes District Council's funding allocation.
- A request for information on whether the DHP was replaced if income stops for a non-dependent person.

Officers responded that:

- The allocation for Lewes District Council was £224,072. It was a legal requirement for the funding allocations to be administered separately by Lewes and Eastbourne Councils.
- Notice must be given to the Authority regarding loss of income within a month. The claimant can apply for Universal Credit.

**Resolved:**

To note and support adoption of the revised policy across Eastbourne and Lewes Councils.

**Reason:**

To ensure that the Discretionary Housing Payment scheme is administered consistently across both authorities.

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