

**Recommended Item from Improvement Scrutiny Committee, 21 October 2013**

**494. CHOICE BASED LETTINGS (CBL) – UPDATE AND INFORMATION RELATING TO PROPERTIES TO LET IN THE AREAS OF CLOWNE, CRESWELL AND SOUTH NORMANTON**

The Head of Housing circulated a list of Council properties let since the introduction of CBL in the villages of Barlborough, Clowne, Creswell and South Normanton. The list showed the type of property let, the number of bids received and where the successful applicant was from.

The statistics showed that up to 80% of all properties were let, or could have been let (i.e., where people refused or did not bid), to people from the same village.

A discussion took place regarding allocations outside the village and it was noted that some properties were advertised more than once prior to being allocated outside the village.

It was also noted that the properties at New Bolsover were hard to let and grant funding was being sought to improve them.

A discussion took place regarding whether the IT system could be altered to accommodate additional points and whether the policy would need to be amended.

Moved by Councillor J.E. Smith and seconded by Councillor R.A. Heffer

**RECOMMENDED** that the Executive note that the evidence shows no real need for a rural lettings policy, but allocation to some groups of local people and other issues needed to be considered through the proposed Housing Working Group which would look at the Allocations Policy.

(Scrutiny Officer/Governance Officer)