

# **WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**

## **STATEMENT OF DECISION**

### **SUBJECT: DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT POLICY**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Corporate Services has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

#### **Summary of Decision**

That the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Corporate Services agreed the new Discretionary Housing Payment Policy as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

#### **Reasons for Decision**

Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) is not a long term solution and a new policy is proposed to better help households move towards not being reliant on DHP and to have more stability in their housing, as they are living in homes which they can afford. It is also proposed to reflect the Council's objective which is to manage the DHP budget and to run a DHP scheme by April 2019 without a contribution from its own resources. This follows a reduction in the government's contribution to the DHP scheme of 47% for 2017/18.

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