



AGENDA ITEM: 11

SUMMARY

Report for:	Housing & Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting:	11 September 2013
PART:	1
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Mobility Scooter Policy
Contact:	Cllr M Griffiths, Portfolio Holder for Housing Simon Smith, Asset Team Leader, Property & Place, Housing and Regeneration
Purpose of report:	1. To inform the Committee of the proposed Mobility Scooter Policy
Recommendations	1. The Committee comment on the Mobility Scooter Policy
Corporate objectives:	
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> Provision of purpose built, safety compliant scooter storage will be met from the Aids and Adaptations capital budget
'Value For Money Implications'	<u>Value for Money</u> Dealing with Mobility Scooter issues effectively and consistently will ensure that the appropriate level of resource is devoted to ensuring effective service delivery. Without an effective policy and procedure the likelihood of significant additional resources being devoted to Mobility Scooter problems is possible. The effective use of resources being devoted to Mobility Scooter issues ensures value for money for tenants.
Risk Implications	By developing a policy and ensuring that there is a consistent approach when dealing with Mobility Scooter issues will minimise the risk to the Council and Housing Landlord Service.

	<p>Failure to adhere to this policy could result in Tenants, Staff and visitors to HRA assets being at risk of Health & Safety breaches including fire, trip hazards and damage to HRA assets</p> <p>Risk Assessments were completed during the Sheltered Housing review project in 2013/2013</p>
Equalities Implications	
Health And Safety Implications	Mobility Scooters can combust without warning. They need to be stored in areas that are compliant with fire risk precautions and must be easily accessible to the users of the stores.
Consultees:	<p>Compliance/Risk and Health and Safety Officer, Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Portfolio Holder for Housing</p> <p>Supported Housing Manager, Housing & Regeneration</p> <p>Asset Team Leader, Housing and Regeneration</p>
Background papers:	Mobility Scooter Policy
<p>Historical background <i>(please give a brief background to this report to enable it to be considered in the right context).</i></p>	<p>The recent Sheltered Housing Review and the adoption of a clear landings policy in Sheltered Housing highlighted the growing issue of Mobility Scooter storage in both Sheltered Housing and General Needs Housing.</p> <p>Mobility Scooters are becoming more popular with tenants and residents of HRA stock and where to store them safely in compliance with Fire Risk assessments and Health and Safety matters has become a major concern. The Council recently commissioned the construction of a purpose built Mobility Scooter storage facility at Rice Close in Adeyfield, this is now being used successfully by tenants of this scheme.</p> <p>The development of a Mobility Scooter Policy ensures the approach taken by Dacorum Borough Council in assessing the individual requests from tenants for Mobility Scooter storage is consistent and fair. The aim of this policy is to protect the safety of all residents, visitors, staff and contractors in DBC Housing premises whilst not restricting a person's independence.</p>
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	