Item No.2

KEY DECISION

Proposed to be made by the Cabinet on **5th October 2011**

LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER Councillor C B Taylor	ITEM REVISION OF PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY	WARDS AFFECTED All wards
DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER Report of the Head off Community Services. REPORT AUTHOR A.M. Coel Strategic Housing Manager 01527 881270	SUMMARY When Members approved an updated version of the Council's Private Sector Housing Strategy in April 2011, they proposed a minor change to the Home Repair Assistance Policy relating to the award of Home Repair Assistance (HRA) Grants. Members proposed that when a grant aided property is finally sold or transferred, the amount of grant awarded that then becomes repayable to the Council, should be index linked rather than being repayable based upon the original amount awarded. The report sets out reasons why the index linking of grant repayments would be impractical and makes recommendation that the original Home Repair Assistance Policy as presented to members in the report of the 6 th April be approved in its entirety.	REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN Affects all wards

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
Stakeholders		
Working in liaison with West Mercia Housing, bdht and the Homes and Communities Agency.	Liaison meetings with BDHT and West Mercia involving Leader and CEO.	N/A

DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH	
N/A	