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**Summary and Recommendation:**

Attached as Appendix A is a lettings and applications analysis of Cumbria Choice from the day it went live in May 2011 to 31 March 2012. This is for information and members' comments.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 A virtually full year report has become available for the first time since the scheme was introduced. This is the first of a series of such reports.

**2. Appendix A**

2.1 Page 1 shows that 51 lettings were made to statutorily homeless customers in Copeland out of 354 total allocations in the Borough. 14.41% of Copeland Allocations were therefore made to homeless households. This compares to 12.23% across Cumbria.

2.2 The first table on page 2 shows the number and percentage of homelessness lettings compared to all allocations by named provider organisations in the county.

2.3 Pages 2 and 3 show a quarterly summary of all lettings made in each District by Cumbria Choice Bands A, B, C, D, D+ and E with Band A being the highest priority. On the lower half of page 3 there is both a summary and percentage analysis of this information from May 2011 to 31 March 2012, almost a full year. It shows that almost half of all allocations in Copeland were made to customers in Band C. Just over one fifth were made to Band A.

2.5 The relatively small number of allocations made to the highest band is explained on page 4, which contains the number and percentage of applicants registered on Cumbria Choice by Band in each of the six District Councils on 18 April 2012. This shows only 64 out of 2059 applications registered for Copeland being in Band A. Band C had 626 applications registered.

2.6 Members will see that more allocations were made to Band C than any other band because this Band contains the highest number of applicants. Band A still has the

highest priority, as evidenced by 72 lettings in 2011/12 which accounted for most of the customers who were placed in that Band during the year.

### 3 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The review of Cumbria Choice policy began in February 2012 at the Cumbria Choice Project Board and also with a special meeting of the Strategic Housing Panel on 3 February (to which all Councillors were invited).
- 3.2 The Project Board's review is likely to complete in July 2012 with a subsequent report to the Strategic Housing Panel for its meeting in August. It is expected to provide a renewed policy umbrella beneath which we will be able to adopt local lettings policies for areas in the Borough where supply and demand plus community support require.
- 3.3 We can therefore expect to give further consideration to local lettings policies after the shape of the overall policy umbrella is known. This is a key policy decision for the Council and cannot be adopted without explicit approval of elected members.

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Allocations to statutorily homelessness from start of Cumbria Choice (May 11) to 31 March 12				
District	Housing association	Owed a full homelessness duty	All allocations made in district	approx % to homeless (does not take account of allocations to homeless outside district)
Allerdale Borough Council	Derwent & Solway Housing	23		
	Home Group	8		
	Impact Housing	2		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>6.68</b>
Barrow Borough Council	Accent Foundation	1		
	Barrow Borough Council	19		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>8.00</b>
Carlisle City Council	Eden Housing	2		
	Home Group	3		
	Impact Housing	11		
	Riverside	69		
	Two Castles Housing	3		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>19.34</b>
Copeland Borough Council	Home Group	43		
	Impact Housing	1		
	Riverside	1		
	Two Castles Housing	6		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>14.41</b>
Eden District Council	Eden Housing	6		
	Impact Housing	4		
	Two Castles Housing	1		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>8.09</b>
South Lakeland District Council	Impact Housing	1		
	South Lakes Housing	24		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>14.20</b>
<b>Total of all Local Authority (household)</b>		<b>228</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>12.23</b>

<b>Allocations to homeless by HA</b>				
		homeless	all allocations	% to homeless
Home		54	454	11.894
Accent		1	38	2.632
Barrow		19	193	9.845
Impact		19	188	10.106
Riverside		70	323	21.672
Two Castles		10	148	6.757
Eden		8	111	7.207
South Lakeland		24	120	20.000
Derwent and Solway		23	290	7.931
All		228	1865	12.225

<b>All Allocations by Local authority May 2011 to 31 March 12</b>								
<b>q1 2011-12 (part)</b>								
	A	B	C	D	D+	E		
Allerdale Borough Council	13	11	27	10	6	0	67	
Barrow Borough Council	10	8	17	1	0	0	36	
Carlisle City Council	21	3	29	3	11	2	69	
Copeland Borough Council	10	6	20	4	4	0	44	
Eden District Council	4	2	9	3	4	1	23	
South Lakeland District Council	5	2	6	0	2	2	17	
Whole partnership	63	32	108	21	27	5	256	
<b>Q2 2011-12</b>								
	A	B	C	D	D+	E		
Allerdale Borough Council	27	14	80	16	21	2	160	
Barrow Borough Council	19	13	32	6	3	0	73	
Carlisle City Council	44	11	76	17	23	1	172	
Copeland Borough Council	33	11	55	11	15	1	126	
Eden District Council	9	5	15	5	6	1	41	
South Lakeland District Council	4	7	20	6	8	2	47	
Whole partnership	136	61	278	61	76	7	619	

<b>Q3 2011-12</b>							
	A	B	C	D	D+	E	
Allerdale Borough Council	26	17	67	17	27	7	161
Barrow Borough Council	15	10	31	6	4	2	68
Carlisle City Council	25	16	43	12	13	1	110
Copeland Borough Council	16	6	54	7	9	2	94
Eden District Council	1	7	15	7	8	2	40
South Lakeland District Council	15	16	24	3	9	0	67
Whole partnership	98	72	234	52	70	14	540
<b>Q4 2011-12</b>							
	A	B	C	D	D+	E	
Allerdale Borough Council	10	4	58	11	19	4	106
Barrow Borough Council	17	22	30	1	2	1	73
Carlisle City Council	18	16	53	7	8	2	104
Copeland Borough Council	13	8	47	11	10	1	90
Eden District Council	2	4	14	4	7	1	32
South Lakeland District Council	12	5	19	3	6	0	45
Whole partnership	72	59	221	37	52	9	450
<b>2011-12 WHOLE YEAR FROM START OF CBL</b>							
	A	B	C	D	D+	E	
Allerdale Borough Council	76	46	232	54	73	13	494
Barrow Borough Council	61	53	110	14	9	3	250
Carlisle City Council	108	46	201	39	55	6	455
Copeland Borough Council	72	31	176	33	38	4	354
Eden District Council	16	18	53	19	25	5	136
South Lakeland District Council	36	30	69	12	25	4	176
Whole partnership	369	224	841	171	225	35	1865
<b>PERCENTAGES WHOLE YEAR</b>							
	A	B	C	D	D+	E	
Allerdale Borough Council	15.4	9.3	47.0	10.9	14.8	2.6	26.5
Barrow Borough Council	24.4	21.2	44.0	5.6	3.6	1.2	13.4
Carlisle City Council	23.7	10.1	44.2	8.6	12.1	1.3	24.4
Copeland Borough Council	20.3	8.8	49.7	9.3	10.7	1.1	19.0
Eden District Council	11.8	13.2	39.0	14.0	18.4	3.7	7.3
South Lakeland District Council	20.5	17.0	39.2	6.8	14.2	2.3	9.4
Whole partnership	19.8	12.0	45.1	9.2	12.1	1.9	100.0

Table showing applicants registered in each authority on 18/4/12

Numbers							
	ALLERDALE	BARROW	CARLISLE	COPELAND	EDEN	S LAKELAND	
UNBANDED?	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
A	54	45	70	64	5	38	276
B	83	46	73	33	20	60	315
C	606	478	908	626	219	646	3483
D	651	598	1211	618	234	766	4078
D+	734	336	1300	497	416	1068	4351
E	489	257	475	221	169	342	1953
	2618	1760	4037	2059	1063	2920	14457
Percentages							
	ALLERDALE	BARROW	CARLISLE	COPELAND	EDEN	S LAKELAND	
A	2.1	2.6	1.7	3.1	0.5	1.3	1.9
B	3.2	2.6	1.8	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.2
C	23.1	27.2	22.5	30.4	20.6	22.1	24.1
D	24.9	34.0	30.0	30.0	22.0	26.2	28.2
D+	28.0	19.1	32.2	24.1	39.1	36.6	30.1
E	18.7	14.6	11.8	10.7	15.9	11.7	13.5
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0