

Housing Allocations Policy

Proposed Changes Consultation Document

September 2021

The East Staffordshire Allocations Policy determines how almost all the social housing in East Staffordshire is allocated. The current policy was adopted on in 2018. The Council is consulting on proposed changes to the housing allocations policy. It should be noted that the changes will be not be applied retrospectively, and the majority of applicant are unlikely to notice any difference following the implementation of the new policy.

This document therefore explains the proposed changes for consultation:

- Proposed changes are summarised in the order the relevant sections appear in the current policy
- Reasons are explained and expected impact is identified
- This summary document is accompanied by a copy of the revised Allocations Policy with tracked changes.

Please respond to the consultation by **Friday October 8th 2021** in one of the following ways:

- By email to housingstrategy@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk
- By calling 01283 508123 / 508149 during office hours
- By writing to:

Housing Strategy
East Staffordshire Borough Council
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Please see the changes highlighted in the table below

Section	Change Classification	Description of Change	Rationale	Impact
Throughout	Clarity and Simplification	Job titles have been changed to reflect the current structure at Trent & Dove Housing.	Reflects the current set of roles' administering the Housing Register.	Nil.
1.	Clarity and Simplification	Updates to the list of partners.	Reflects the current set of partners.	Nil.
4.6	Reasonable Requirement	Acknowledgement that the nature of the changes mean there can be no transitional period.	The changes pertain to the rank list for allocating properties, and therefore need to apply to rank lists post implementation.	Nil.
5.4a	Clarity and Simplification	The Alternative Ranking Criteria which applies to larger properties to be removed, meaning that the ordinary ranking criteria will apply.	Following a tightening of bedroom entitlement in 2018, this criteria is no longer justified. The housing need of larger families is already recognised through the bedroom deficiency priority banding criteria.	Positive: Families would be ranked for larger properties according to housing need and effective date. Negative: Larger families would need to demonstrate bedroom deficiency in order to secure priority by size of household.
5.4d	Clarity and Simplification	The specific groups identified within the alternative ranking criteria which applies to rural properties have been removed.	This criteria is seldom utilised, and burdensome to administer.	Negligible, minor change.