

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TEES VALLEY COMMON ALLOCATION POLICY

Policy change 1:

Additional preference for people in low paid employment to be removed.

Policy change 2:

Cumulative need to be removed*.

*Policy changes applies to Hartlepool BC only (as cumulative need is not operated by other Tees Valley Lettings Partners).

Policy change 3:

Additional preference for people who are under occupying to be removed.

Policy change 4:

All applicants who are overcrowded to be awarded an equal priority.

Policy change 5:

A 'one reasonable offer of accommodation' offer policy to be adopted by all partners*.

*Policy change applies to Hartlepool BC only (as 'one reasonable offer of accommodation' has been adopted by the other Tees valley Lettings Partners).

Policy change 6:

Applicants who would otherwise be 'overlooked' (due to their behaviour or a history of housing debt) will have their application suspended from bidding until they have complied with a repayment plan for debts or have modified their behaviour*

*Each application will be considered on an individual basis and exceptional circumstances will be considered

Policy change 7: To simplify the current banding structure and move from 5 to 4 housing needs bands. The proposed NEW banding structure is summarised below:

Urgent Housing Needs (Band 1):

- People losing their home due to a recognised regeneration scheme within any one of the local authorities within the sub region.
- People assessed as statutory homeless and in priority need (including those experiencing domestic abuse or leaving HM Forces).
- People who are owed the homeless prevention or relief duty.

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High Housing Needs (Band 2):

- Urgent Medical.
- Ready for independent living.
- Care Leaver/child in need.
- Adoptive parents/foster carers.
- Unsafe/insanitary housing conditions.
- Under Occupation (2 rooms).

Medium Housing Needs (Band 3):

- High medical.
- Overcrowding.
- Under Occupation (1 room).
- Hardship.
- Sharing Facilities.

Low Housing Need (Band 4):

- People who are adequately housed.
- People who have refused a reasonable offer of accommodation or worsened own circumstances