

## APPENDIX A

### Tees Valley Home Finder (TVLP)

#### Analysis of the housing register for the period July 2025-December 2025\*

(\*6 months after the changes to the Common Allocation Policy were implemented)

**Band 1\*:** Applicants subject to regeneration or demolition were added to Band 1\* following the review of the Common Allocations Policy.

There are no large scale decant programmes running at present. *The number of applications in this category remains low and the number of allocations made reflect this when compared to the same period in the previous year.*

Housing Register	No		No	Trend	Allocations Made	No		No	Trend
Jul-24	1	Jul-25	1	↔	Jul-24	0	Jul-25	0	↔
Aug-24	1	Aug-25	1	↔	Aug-24	0	Aug-25	0	↔
Sep-24	1	Sep-25	1	↔	Sep-24	0	Sep-25	0	↔
Oct-24	3	Oct-25	3	↔	Oct-24	0	Oct-25	2	↑
Nov-24	2	Nov-25	3	↑	Nov-24	1	Nov-25	0	↓
Dec-24	2	Dec-25	2	↔	Dec-24	0	Dec-25	0	↔

**Band 1:** Changes were made to the homeless need categories within Band 1, meaning that not all homeless clients will receive a Band 1 under the new allocations policy ([Assessing housing need - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council](#) details applicants who now qualify for a Band 1). The impact of this change has been to reduce the number of Live Band 1 cases on the Housing Register. Although new Band 1 categories were added for Care Leavers, Emergency Medical and Child Protection cases, the number of cases in each of the new Band 1 categories remains low.

*Given the reduction in number of applicants in this banding, a reduction in the number of successful allocations to Band 1 was also expected but remains the highest in terms of number of allocations made.*

Housing Register	No		No	Trend	Allocations Made	No		No	Trend
Jul-24	277	Jul-25	176	↓	Jul-24	36	Jul-25	23	↓
Aug-24	220	Aug-25	130	↓	Aug-24	20	Aug-25	26	↑
Sep-24	211	Sep-25	105	↓	Sep-24	14	Sep-25	13	↓
Oct-24	203	Oct-25	77	↓	Oct-24	37	Oct-25	14	↓
Nov-24	194	Nov-25	66	↓	Nov-24	35	Nov-25	13	↓
Dec-24	203	Dec-25	62	↓	Dec-24	29	Dec-25	11	↓

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**Band 2:** New categories were added to the Common Allocations Policy under Band 2 for those with severe overcrowding and homelessness. *The reduction in Band 1 applications has led to increased allocations to Band 2, allowing those who have been waiting and blocked by the volume of Band 1 applications previously to obtain suitable housing.*

Housing Register	No		No	Trend	Allocations Made	No		No	Trend
Jul-24	550	Jul-25	451	↓	Jul-24	5	Jul-25	13	↑
Aug-24	534	Aug-25	465	↓	Aug-24	1	Aug-25	16	↑
Sep-24	528	Sep-25	474	↓	Sep-24	1	Sep-25	17	↑
Oct-24	513	Oct-25	476	↓	Oct-24	5	Oct-25	18	↑
Nov-24	505	Nov-25	476	↓	Nov-24	8	Nov-25	20	↑
Dec-24	520	Dec-25	469	↓	Dec-24	6	Dec-25	26	↑

**Band 3:** New categories were added to Band 3 for Intentionally homeless and armed forces (with no urgent housing need). *The impact of these new categories is negligible with few applicants being banded under these new categories and the number of allocations to Band 3 has increased over the monitoring period.*

Housing Register	No		No	Trend	Allocations Made	No		No	Trend
Jul-24	505	Jul-25	475	↓	Jul-24	8	Jul-25	5	↓
Aug-24	502	Aug-25	452	↓	Aug-24	2	Aug-25	7	↑
Sep-24	483	Sep-25	453	↓	Sep-24	0	Sep-25	3	↑
Oct-24	490	Oct-25	458	↓	Oct-24	0	Oct-25	3	↑
Nov-24	487	Nov-25	457	↓	Nov-24	1	Nov-25	3	↑
Dec-24	517	Dec-25	460	↓	Dec-24	5	Dec-25	6	↑

**Band 4:** No changes were made to Band 4 following the Common Allocations Policy review and allocations to this band remain relatively static over the monitoring period. *The reduction in number in this band may be due to the annual renewal process.*

Housing Register	No		No	Trend	Allocations Made	No		No	Trend
Jul-24	1835	Jul-25	1797	↓	Jul-24	7	Jul-25	2	↓
Aug-24	1782	Aug-25	1685	↓	Aug-24	0	Aug-25	4	↑
Sep-24	1757	Sep-25	1646	↓	Sep-24	1	Sep-25	5	↑
Oct-24	1818	Oct-25	1725	↓	Oct-24	2	Oct-25	4	↑
Nov-24	1844	Nov-25	1734	↓	Nov-24	3	Nov-25	2	↓
Dec-24	1924	Dec-25	1709	↓	Dec-24	7	Dec-25	4	↓

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#### General Information

Tighter monitoring of applicants in all priority bandings ensures that those in Bands 1, 2 & 3 who are not engaging with the bidding process have their banding reviewed. This ensures that the banding is still appropriate (i.e. there has not been a change in an applicant's housing situation) and an applicant is actively seeking rehousing.

An annual renewal process also automatically closes applications where applicants fail to respond to reminders to keep their housing application live. *This has potentially led to lower housing register numbers over the last 12 months.*

In addition, the introduction of Local Connection rules as part of the Common Allocation Policy Review has further reduced housing register numbers, with 24 applicants closed prior to assessment where applicants had no identified local connection to the borough.