

Housing Allocation Policy February 2026 - Information

What are the main changes to the Housing Allocations Policy?

- Increasing priority from Band C to Band B for transfer tenants who have children of the opposite sex sharing a bedroom where one child is 13 years or older. The priority date will be the date the child turned 13.
- Increasing priority from Band E to Band D for single people or couples living with family. The priority date will not change.
- Increasing priority from Band B to Band A for transfer tenants wishing to downsize that are releasing two or more bedrooms. The priority date will not change.
- Potential for households who are assessed as a one bedroom need and are wishing to downsize from three and four bedroom homes to be offered a two bedroom home. These application will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Introducing a cap on a households income and savings.

One Bedroom Need	£35,000.00
Two Bedroom Need	£45,000.00
Three or Four Bedroom Need	£55,000.00
Savings Limit	£30,000.00

There is some discretion for older persons, ex service personnel and those that require adapted accommodation. These will be considered on a case by case basis.

- A new eligibility criteria for those in private rented housing that are employed in the borough (the three year residency local connection rules still apply).

I am already on the housing register, will the changes affect me?

Some applicants will see an increase in their priority band, if this applies to you, you will receive individual notification of this within the next two weeks.

The Council will also be contacting some applicants within the next two weeks with a request to complete a review form this is so we can check for any changes in your circumstances and to make sure that the information we hold is up to date.

