

1.1 How the proposed changes will impact on applicants

- 1.1.1 A detailed equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the proposed changes following an extensive consultation on the draft amended housing allocation scheme. In order to inform this process, an initial assessment has been made on the impact of these changes on existing applicants, using a 'snapshot' of two data sets as comparators:
- 1.1.2 1,855 'live' applicants on 25.6.12 comprising 1,202 Homeseekers (65 per cent) and 653 tenants (35 per cent), and
- 1.1.3 430 'housed' applicants between 26.6.11 and 25.6.12 comprising 284 Homeseekers (66 per cent) and 146 tenants (34 per cent).
- 1.1.4 **Live applicants** – defined as all housing register applicants (homeseekers and tenants) who were able to participate in the bidding process on 25.6.12 (does not include those whose applications were pending or suspended on this date).
- 1.1.5 **Housed applicants** – defined as all housing register applicants (homeseekers and tenants) who have accepted the tenancy of a property they have bid for, where the tenancy start date falls between 26.6.11 and 25.6.12 inclusive (does not include those whose applications have been removed for any reason or those who have been offered a tenancy outside of the CBL system during this period).

Breakdown by Bed Need (Live)

1bed – 888 (48%)
 2 bed – 626 (34%)
 3 bed – 237 (13%)
 4 bed – 95 (5%)
 5+ bed – 9 (under 1%)

Total – 1,855

Breakdown by Band (Live)

Band A – 63 (3%)
 Band B – 153 (8%)
 Band C – 645 (35%)
 Band D – 994 (54%)

Total – 1,885

Breakdown by Bed Need (Housed)

1 bed – 191 (44%)
 2 bed – 137 (32%)
 3 bed – 93 (22%)
 4 bed – 9 (2%)
 5 + bed – 0

Total - 430

Breakdown by Band (Housed)

Band A – 42 (10%)
 Band B – 162 (38%)
 Band C – 188 (44%)
 Band D – 38 (9%)

Total - 430

Age range (Live)

894 (48%) are aged 18 – 39

321 (17%) are aged 40 – 49

228 (12%) are aged 50 – 59

412 (22%) are aged over 60

262 (14%) stated they had a disability

Ethnicity (Live)

1504 – White British (81%)

30 – Asian, or Asian British (2%)

14 – Black, or Black British (<1%)

27 – White, other (1%)

22 – White Irish (1%)

10 – Gypsy/Traveller (<1%)

20 – Mixed (1%)

2 - Chinese (<1%)

221 – Not stated (12%)

5 – Other (<1%)

Age range (Housed)

233 (54%) are aged 18 – 39

68 (16%) are aged 40 – 49

42 (10%) are aged 50 – 59

87 (20%) are aged over 60

34.(8%) stated they had a disability

Ethnicity (Housed)

356 – White British (83%)

5 –Asian, or Asian British (1%)

3– Black, or Black British (<1%)

4– White, other (<1%)

1 – White Irish (<1%)

3 - Gypsy/Traveller (<1%)

5 – Mixed (1%)

1 – Chinese (<1%)

50 – Not stated (12%)

2 – Other (<1%)

1.2 Proposed change One – Simplification of the assessment of priority

1.2.1 Bidding outcomes for the 30 most recent lets through CBL as at 8 October 2012

	Property	Let to	Household	Reason for priority	Priority Date	Change to priority	New Let	Household	Reason for priority	Priority date
1	2Bed GF Flat	C 29	M (73)	Medical	19.7.10	C	C15	W (61)	<i>Underoccupation</i>	22.10.09
2	2Bed 2F Flat	B 69	M+W +1ch	Property condition	14.2.12	B	B 29	M + 1ch	<i>Overcrowding</i>	15.8.11
3	3Bed House	B 34	W + 3ch	Refuge move-on	13.8.12	B				
4	1Bed GF Flat	B 44	M	Move-on supported	23.1.12	B				
5	1Bed 1F Flat	B 49	W	Move-on supported	18.1.12	B				
6	1Bed 1F Flat	C 15	W	Homeless	30.11.11	C				
7	1Bed 1F Flat(S)	B 55	W (88)	Needs sheltered	3.8.12	C	C 19	M (76)	<i>Overcrowding</i>	27.7.12
8	2 Bed 2F Flat	C 19	M+W + 1ch	Overcrowding	10.7.12	C				
9	3Bed House	A 45	M+W + 1ch	Needs w/chair access	18.1.12	A				
10	1 Bed Bungalow	A 25	W (69)	Underoccupation	7.11.11	A				

	Property	Let to	Household	Reason for priority	Priority Date	Change to priority	New Let	Household	Reason for priority	Priority date
11	Studio 1F Flat (S)	C 34	M (66)	Needs sheltered	31.8.12	D	C 15	M (82)	Needs sheltered	17.7.12
12	1Bed 2F Flat (S)	B60	M(93)/W(91)	Medical	15.10.07	B				
13	3 Bed House	C 30	M+W + 2ch	Overcrowding	26.6.12	C	C 20	M+W + 3ch	Overcrowding	15.11.11
14	1Bed GF Flat	C 24	M	Overcrowding	30.8.11	C	C 20	W (63)	Underoccupation	11.3.09
15	4Bed House	A 65	M+W + 3ch	Needs w/chair access	24.11.10	A				
16	2Bed House	B 40	W + 2ch	Homeless	7.8.12	C	B 29	W + 1ch	Overcrowding	7.1.11
17	1Bed 1F Flat (S)	C 14	M (67)	Overcrowding	10.7.12	C				
18	1Bed 2F Flat	B 49	W	Welfare	8.8.12	B				
19	2Bed House	B 39	M+W + 1ch	Overcrowding	16.8.11	B	B 29	W + 1ch	Overcrowding	7.1.11
20	2Bed House	B 55	M + M	Welfare	3.8.12	B	B 29	W + 1ch	Overcrowding	18.3.11
21	3Bed House	C 30	M + 2ch	Overcrowding	12.5.10	C				
22	2Bed House	B 50	W + 1ch	Welfare	11.7.12	B	B 29	M + 1ch	Overcrowding	15.8.11
23	2Bed GF Flat	C 34	W + 1ch	Overcrowding	11.1.12	C	C 30	M(60)W(61)	Medical	15.6.11

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24	2Bed House	B 40	M + 1ch	Homeless	27.7.12	C	<i>B 29</i>	<i>W + 1ch</i>	<i>Overcrowding</i>	<i>7.1.11</i>
25	3Bed House	C30	W + 2ch	Overcrowding	21.9.11	C				
26	3Bed House	C 40	M+W + 3ch	Overcrowding	21.9.10	C	<i>C 15</i>	<i>W + 2ch</i>	<i>Overcrowding</i>	<i>21.7.10</i>
27	2Bed House	B 40	W + 2ch	Homeless	10.7.12	C	<i>B 29</i>	<i>W + 1ch</i>	<i>Overcrowding</i>	<i>7.1.11</i>
28	1Bed 1F Flat (S)	A 85	W (78)	Medical/welfare	8.8.12	B				
29	2Bed 1f Flat	B 34	W + 1ch	Overcrowding	23.7.11	B				
30	3Bed House	B 45	W + 4ch	Welfare	26.10.11					

Highlighted rows denote applicants that would be assessed in a lower band under the proposed revised scheme.

New let: Columns to the right (in italics) give details of the household that could potentially have been let the property due to the change in priority of the successful bidder.

Ages of applicants are given in those cases where they are aged 65 or over.

1.3 Proposed change Two – Local connection qualification

Live applicants

From the live data, there are 190 households (10 per cent) who are assessed as having no local connection, comprising 127 (67 per cent) homeseekers and 63 (33 per cent) transfers.

Of these, 8 are in Band A, 15 in Band B, 124 in Band C and 43 in Band D

Of the 23 high priority cases (Band A or Band B), priority awarded due to:

9 – overcrowding need	7 – welfare (fleeing violence, move-on)
2 – underoccupying	2 – need wheelchair adapted
1 – multiple reasons	1 – medical
1 – statutory homeless	

Age ranges:

106 (56%) are aged 18 – 39	32 (17%) are aged 40 – 49
20 (11%) are aged 50 – 59	32 (17%) are aged over 60
21 (11%) stated that they have a disability	

Ethnicity:

149 – White British	3 – White Irish
4 – Mixed	2 – Asian or Asian British
4 – Black, or Black British	4 – Gypsy/Traveller
1 – Chinese	23 – Not stated

Housed applicants

From the housed data, there are 28 households (7 per cent) who are assessed as having no local connection, comprising 20 (71 per cent) homeseekers and 8 (39 per cent) transfers.

Of these, 2 are in Band A, 9 in Band B, 16 in Band C and 1 in Band D

Of the 11 high priority cases (Band A or Band B), priority awarded due to:

4 – overcrowding
on)

5 – welfare (fleeing violence, move-

1 – underoccupying

1 – medical

Age ranges:

15 (54%) are aged 18 – 39

7 (25%) are aged 40 – 49

1 (1%) are aged 50 – 59

5 (18%) are aged over 60

(7%) stated that they have a disability

Ethnicity:

21– White British

1– Mixed

1 – Asian or Asian British

1 – Black, or Black British

1 – Chinese

3 – Not stated

The 28 households were housed in the following properties:

1 x 4 bed house

12 x 3 bed house

4 x 2 bed house

2 x 2 bed flat

5 x 1 bed flat

2 x 1 bed bungalow

2 x studio flat

1.4 Proposed change Three – Housing need qualification

1.4.1 Live applicants

From the live data of 1,855 households, there are 560 households (30 per cent) in Band D who are assessed as having no housing need, (that is they are registered with 5 points for local connection only) comprising 372 (66 per cent) homeseekers and 188 (34 per cent) transfers.

Age ranges:

227 (41%) are aged 18 – 39

120 (21%) are aged 40 – 49

80 (14%) are aged 50 – 59

133 (24%) are aged over 60

16 (3%) stated that they have a disability

Ethnicity:

469 – White British	6 – White Irish
12 – White other	5 – Mixed
9 – Asian or Asian British	2 – Black, or Black British
2 – Gypsy/Traveller	2 -Other
1 – Chinese	53 – Not stated

1.4.2 Housed applicants

From the housed data, there are 15 households (3 per cent) in Band D who are assessed as having no housing need, (that is they are registered with 5 points for local connection only) comprising 10 (67 per cent) homeseekers and 5 (33 per cent) transfers.

Age ranges:

3 (20%) are aged 18 – 39	1 (7%) are aged 40 – 49
3 (20%) are aged 50 – 59	8 (53%) are aged over 60

The 11 applicants aged over 50 were all housed in homes advertised as suitable for those aged over 45, including 7 within sheltered schemes.

4 (27%) stated that they have a disability

Ethnicity:

13 - White British	1 - Gypsy/Traveller
1 - Not stated	

The 15 households were housed in the following properties:

2 x 3 bed house	2 x 2 bed flat
1 x 1 bed bungalow	3 x 1 bed flat
7 x flat within sheltered scheme	