

**Housing Allocations Policy Review**

**Member session 20/4/22 – 7pm**

19 Members in attendance plus KT leading, CK RS LH supporting

**Member comments/questions**

<b>Which Member</b>	<b>Comment/question:</b>	<b>Actions needed:</b>
Anna Cope	Is proposed consequences for refusing offers similar to other Councils. She advised after response she felt it was fair.	
Matt Boughton	Full support for action re consequences – we need to move people on through register.	
Brian Luker	Comments about Clarion moving people out of London into T&M. Need to ensure their business plan aligns with our need.	Advised we didn't believe this to be an issue and noms agreement work would strengthen this – check within strategy actions.
Wendy Palmer	Where do people coming over on boats and via asylum schemes fit into the register?	
Brian Luker	Are KCC accessing RP properties for their work on the asylum schemes etc.?	
Dan Harman	Do we monitor residents needs within their home e.g. if under occupying could they downsize etc.	Revisit with Clarion re tenancy policy? Check commitment within Housing Strategy re under occupation and incentives scheme.
Brian Luker & Dan Harman	Understand people wanting a home for life but it doesn't have to be a house for life – need flexibility to move people to meet needs.	As above.
Mark Hood	Which households are contained within Band D?	
Jill Anderson	Agree with reducing from 4 bands to 3 – gives a sense of realism. All have to bear in mind we are not getting more housing here and we have to do the best with what we have.	
All members asked by Kim re thoughts on proposed amendments to priority dates	Good idea – all seemed in agreement – no queries raised.	
Georgina Thomas	Love it all. Wanted explanation of three strikes and out re refusals. After response said it makes sense.	
All members asked by Kim re	Yes agree – all seemed in agreement – no queries raised.	

thoughts on proposed amendments to local connection criteria		
Brian Luker	When we do new housing assessment and new policy can we ask for social housing not just affordable housing.	Advised planning remit. Housing needs assessment work will feed into this.

### Member session 21/4/22 – 2pm

10 Members in attendance plus KT leading, CK RS LH supporting

#### Member comments/questions

<b>Which Member</b>	<b>Comment/question:</b>	<b>Actions needed:</b>
Mark Rhodes	Local connection – do we need to tighten up or do other LAs need to be more generous? Accepted reasoning given that we should tighten up.	
Dave Davis	Particularly interested in armed forces – what is current criteria as LC can be an issue. Accepted response.	
David Cooper	What can we do with people who are under occupying due to change in circumstances?	Revisit with Clarion re tenancy policy? Check commitment within Housing Strategy re under occupation and incentives scheme.
Mark Rhodes	Having no other local connection means to no other borough? Could we end up housing illegal immigrants?	
Michael Base	All seem eminently sensible as otherwise get applicants trying their luck in different districts and if we are the most generous, we will lose out.	
Pam Bates	Those in a house and become disabled and need to transfer into a bungalow. How do we manage this?	
Sue Bell	Really good. Cannot be seen to be a soft touch. Can we just go over sharing of a bedroom and ages?	
Mark Rhodes	When properties are improved e.g. access then becomes suitable for a disabled occupant what happens?	
Michael Base	What is timetable for getting this through?	
Mark Rhodes	Where will it go for consultation?	

**Member session 03/5/22 – 7pm**

3 Members in attendance plus KT leading, CK RS LH supporting

Member comments/questions

<b>Which Member</b>	<b>Comment/question:</b>	<b>Actions needed:</b>
Mark Rhodes	Comparing us to other LAs seems to be more of a thing now. How do we compare?	
Mark Rhodes	Three strikes and out – what is our current policy? Is three a reasonable number – should it be two? Will it come to CHAB?	Mark expecting this to go to Planning & Housing Scrutiny Select Committee??
Roger Dalton	Peters Village – different housing providers. Let to London residents? Kim checked with Roger about value on tightening up on local criteria to help prevent this. Roger commented on local people having to move out because rents are not affordable.	Can we do things differently – prefabs for rent and saving. Help our residents get onto the housing ladder.  How will we get the housing needs research messages around affordability out to elected Members?
All members asked by Kim re thoughts on proposed amendments to overcrowding	No concerns raised.	

TOTAL ACROSS ALL SESSIONS: 31 members attending (one Member attended more than one session!)