



## Allocations Policy Consultation Report

### Background

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 introduced a number of changes regarding the allocation of social housing in Scotland. As a result, all Social Landlords were required to review their Allocations Policy to ensure it complies with the Act.

### Consultation

The Act stated that we had to consult with the following groups on any changes that we were proposing to make to our Allocation Policy:

- Tenants
- Applicants on our housing list
- Our registered tenants' organisations
- Any other parties we thought it was important to consult with

Our consultation methods involved an online consultation of tenants and applicants on our housing list, a questionnaire that was sent out to all tenants, 2 drop in sessions, a meeting with our registered tenants organisation and a newsletter article. We also had to give regard to Stirling Council's housing strategy. Our final policy was approved by our Management Committee in January 2020 and became live in April 2020.

### Summary of key changes made to our Allocation Policy after consultation:

Under Occupation added as a "Reasonable Preference" group in line with the 2014 Act. We now have 3 reasonable preference groups: Homeless/threatened homeless, Unsatisfactory Housing Conditions and Under Occupancy.

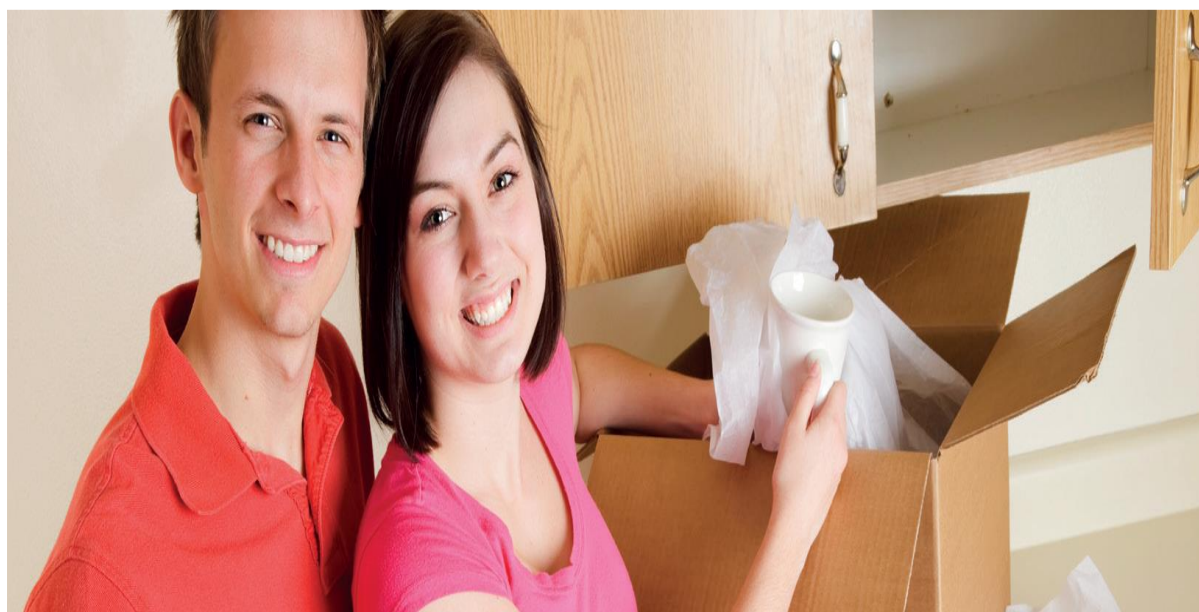
Owner Occupiers to be considered for housing but only where they meet clear criteria and are deemed to have a housing need.

Suspensions on the grounds of refusing reasonable offers of accommodation changed from refusing 3 offers to 2 offers in a 6 month period.

Change in points table to reflect targets for each group. Reasonable preference group, which includes Homeless/threatened homeless, Unsatisfactory Housing Conditions and Under Occupancy, increased to a target of 40% of our allocations. General Group increased to 10% of allocations.

Points elements updated to reflect our new groups.

In addition to the changes made to the Allocation Policy, there were changes in the 2014 Act in respect of residence time required for succession, assignation and joint tenancies, where a tenant must have resided for the preceding 12 months within the tenancy prior to any application. Our Assignation and Succession and Joint Tenancy Policies have been updated to reflect this.



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