

THE NEW ALLOCATIONS POLICY

The Allocations policy sets out how Medway Council will prioritise its applicants and who will be offered available properties.

The policy will prioritise applicants in the following way.

- 1: Priority banding
- 2: Local connection
- 3: Qualifying Date (when placed in to the current band)

The new policy will consist of 4 bands A B C D

Band A = Exceptional priority

Band A - will be given to applicants in the highest housing need. The aim of this band is to ensure that applicants in the most urgent need can be allocated a property quickly.

Applicants may be placed into **Band A** for the following reasons.

- Life threatening or severe health problems that is being worsened by housing conditions.
- Exceptional circumstances due to a social need.
- Hospital discharge/Bed blocking.
- Lacking basic facilities.
- Accepted Homeless cases in bed and breakfast or accommodation that is required by the landlord.

Band B = Medium priority- Severe need to move

Applicants may be placed into **Band B** for the following reasons.

- Medical conditions that may deteriorate without suitable accommodation.
- Transfer due to housing management needs.
- Lacking two or more bedrooms.
- Enable planned fostering or adoption with liaison with Children's services.
- Move on from care or leaving supported housing.
- Applicants accepted as homeless who have been accommodated through the Council's Homebond scheme as an interim measure.



Band C = Low priority –Non urgent housing need.

Applicants may be placed into **Band C** for the following reasons.

- Less severe health problems where housing may have an improvement.
- Accepted as homeless in suitable temporary accommodation.
- Non-statutory overcrowded households.

Band D = Low priority

The following reasons apply to **Band D**.

- Households that do not meet the criteria set out in Bands A, B or C
- Applicants with financial resources to purchase accommodation or rent privately.

The new Allocations policy has been designed to restore a balance to the way that applicants access social housing in Medway rather than encouraging applicant to make a homeless application to be awarded priority. The policy also provides the flexibility to award adequate priority to those who are homeless and in the most urgent housing need.

All live and suspended applications will be reviewed as part of the implementation of the new policy.

If you have any questions about this and you want to speak to someone in your own language please ring 01634 335577

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