

LETTINGS POLICY REVISIONS

Key Worker

Definition of key worker - delete 'in housing need' as a key worker this may not necessarily apply.

Categories - add a fourth category 'Applicants living outside the District and working in a service that benefits or is of particular importance to the community'.

Remove the allocation of points and operate a banding system where 4 bands exist in line with the 4 categories. Properties could then be offered in date order.

Need to clarify what happens when the key worker accommodation is no longer available.

Financial Consideration

Alter text stating 'savings or equity' to 'capital. Private renting - review 6 monthly the same as house prices. Consider deleting the £50,000. Debts - if this is included need to specify which type of debts.

Add up to date income threshold for privately renting (March 2005):

Area	Income Threshold (£)		
	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	2 bed terrace
Hockley	24,000	31,200	32,800
Hawkwell	22,650	29,000	31,000
Rayleigh	28,800	31,000	32,800
Rochford	22,700	31,200	32,500
Hullbridge	22,650	29,000	31,000

Inspection of temporary accommodation

Had been agreed that this could be deleted; did not need Committee agreement.

Transfers

Add sentence at the end 'This will be at the discretion of the Head of Revenues & Housing Management.'

Reasonable preference

Replace 'reasonable preference can be given' to 'must be given'. Third category add 'education'.

Accommodation Size Provisions

First sentence add 'after the recent review'.