

## Appendix Two - Policy changes outlined

Existing policy	Amendment following review & consultation	Page
<p>Existing tenants of the partner Registered Providers, who have been tenants for 12 months or more, can apply to move and will have their priority assessed in the same way as any other applicant. The decision to permit a transfer to a property with the same Registered Provider is at the discretion of the Registered Provider.</p>	<p>Any tenants of social landlords (Registered Providers) in the first 12 months of their tenancy will be excluded from registering for a move, unless they can evidence an urgent need to move or significant risk of harm.</p> <p>Tenants of social landlords will be permitted to register after the first 12 months of their tenancy however in order to be considered for an alternative tenancy from their existing landlord they will have to meet the transfer criteria outlined by their landlord.</p> <p>Common reasons for tenants being overlooked are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rent arrears</li> <li>• Poor property condition</li> <li>• A poorly maintained garden</li> </ul> <p>Moves to other landlords will be considered in alignment with general lettings criteria.</p>	<p>Page 7</p>
<p>Not present</p>	<p><b>Under a homeless relief duty and accommodated by Cheshire East Council</b></p> <p>Customers whom have been assessed as qualifying for the Homelessness Relief Duty s.189(b)(2), in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, and have been place in emergency accommodation by Cheshire East Council will qualify for band A priority. This priority will be time limited and subject to bidding controls or direct offers.</p> <p><b>Under a Cheshire East Council homeless prevention or relief duty and likely to qualify for an allocation of emergency accommodation</b></p> <p>Households whom are owed a s195(2) prevention or s189(b)(2) relief duty by Cheshire East Council in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act <b>AND</b> are likely to qualify for an offer of emergency accommodation, will be placed into Band B. This priority will be time limited and subject to bidding controls or direct offers.</p>	<p>Pages 12 &amp; 13</p>

	<p><b>Under a Cheshire East Council homeless prevention or relief duty and NOT likely to qualify for an allocation of emergency accommodation</b></p> <p>Households whom are owed a s195(2) prevention or s189(b)(2) relief duty by Cheshire East Council in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act <b>AND</b> are <b>NOT</b> likely to qualify for an offer of emergency accommodation, will be placed into Band C+. This priority will be time limited.</p> <p><b>Homeless or at risk of homeless but not under Cheshire East Council duty</b></p> <p>Where households have elected not to be assessed under the homelessness reduction act or are owed a duty by another local authority; priority band C will be awarded to applicants whom have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received a non priority or intentional homeless decision</li> <li>• Had their prevention or relief duty discharged</li> <li>• Had their full homeless duty discharged</li> <li>• Have elected not to be assessed under the homelessness reduction act</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b> remain homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p>	
Not present with this degree of clarity	<p>Current and former armed forces personnel whom are already adequately housed will be placed in Band D. Where a household of current or former armed forces personnel has any additional housing need they will be placed in Band B. (For example: If an applicant is confirmed as having served in the armed forces and is overcrowded they will be assessed as Band B). Where an applicant is in housing need AND has a serious disability as a result of service in the armed forces applicants will be placed in band A.</p>	Page 13
Current tenants who occupy larger homes belonging to one of the partner Registered Providers, whom are willing to move to smaller, more manageable accommodation, may be considered for downsizing priority. Applicants will need to obtain the support of their landlord before being awarded this priority and the aim is to make their existing home	<p>Current tenants who occupy larger homes belonging to one of the partner Registered Providers <b>AND</b> whom are experiencing issues with affordability maybe placed in band B. <b>Applicants will need to obtain the support of their landlord before being awarded this priority.</b> This assessment differs significantly from the under-occupation priority; sponsorship for this priority would come from, and be monitored by, the Registered Provider and will be time limited and could be subject to bidding controls or direct offers.</p> <p>This assessment will not confirm eligibility to any other downsizing schemes held by the partners nor does it mean that the Registered Provider will finance a move.</p>	Page 13

<p>available to other applicants registered with Cheshire Homechoice.</p> <p>Applicants with downsizing priority will be placed in Band A.</p> <p>Where more than one applicant in a short list has downsizing priority, the partner allocating the property may use discretion in conducting the allocation and may overlook the effective date of the applicants.</p> <p>This assessment will not confirm eligibility to any other downsizing schemes held by the partners nor does it mean that the Registered Provider will finance a move.</p>		
<p>Applicants from Supporting People funded supported accommodation (excluding sheltered accommodation) in Cheshire East will be placed in Band C.</p> <p>However, when applicants are confirmed as ready to move on by their supporting service the priority will be increased to Band B.</p>	<p>Applicants living in short term supported accommodation services in Cheshire East will be placed in Band D.</p> <p>However, when applicants are confirmed as ready to move on by their supporting service the priority will be increased to Band B.</p> <p><b>Definition of short term supported accommodation</b> – Placements must be short term in nature. Sheltered or home based support would not qualify. The support service must be funded or commissioned by Cheshire East council and the available placements must be exclusive to applicants with a connection to Cheshire East.</p> <p>Applicants living in longer-term supported accommodation services that no longer qualify for a funded placement or the support provided and have capacity to manage a tenancy independently will be considered under the prevention of homelessness criteria with a view to the suitability of their accommodation.</p>	<p>Page 14</p>

<p>If a Household is overcrowded in excess of the bedroom standard; or overcrowded as defined in Part 10 of the Housing Act 1985, they will be placed in Band C. The overcrowding priority does not increase with the number of rooms lacking.</p>	<p>If a Household is overcrowded in excess of the bedroom standard or overcrowded as defined in Part 10 of the Housing Act 1985, they will be placed in Band C+ if they do not have long term security of tenure. Those with security of tenure will be placed in band C. The overcrowding priority does not increase with the number of rooms lacking.</p> <p><b>Definition of security of tenure</b> – An applicant whom owns their own home or lives in a tenancy with a registered social landlord that is likely to last longer than 6 months or applicants in a private tenancy with a remaining term of under 6 months.</p>	Page 15
<p>Where an applicant's current accommodation is having an adverse affect on a diagnosed medical condition of any member of the household whom intends to move, applicants will be placed in Band C.</p>	<p>Where an applicant's current accommodation is having an adverse affect on a diagnosed medical condition of any member of the household whom intends to move, applicants will be placed in Band C+ if they have no security of tenure and band C if they have security of tenure.</p>	Page 16
<p>Where an applicant's current accommodation is having an impact on the welfare of household members, applicants will be placed in Band C.</p>	<p>Where an applicant's current accommodation is having an impact on the welfare of household members, applicants will be placed in Band C+ if they have no security of tenure and band C if they have security of tenure.</p>	Page 16
<p>Applicants who fulfil any of the following will be considered as having a local connection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently live, or have lived, within Cheshire East and have done for at least 6 out of the last 12 months or 3 out of the last 5 years.</li> </ul>	<p>Applicants who fulfil any of the following will be considered as having a local connection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently live, or have lived, within Cheshire East and have done for at least 2 consecutive years</li> </ul>	Page 17

In households where a woman is over 20 weeks pregnant and would be overcrowded when the baby is born the household will be placed in Band C	Removed	
Not present	Pregnant women will only be considered for an additional room for baby after baby is born.	Page 18
Not present	Re-lets (not new build) in multiple unit blocks of flats or maisonettes will be allocated on a 50-50 basis. Lettings will be made in accordance with: 50% to singles over 25, couples and families in employment 50% to applicants in the highest priority band	Page 22