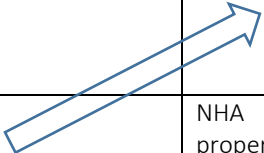


Appendix 1 – Comparative Banding Changes

OLD POLICY WORDING	NEW POLICY WORDING	RATIONALE AND EXPLANATION FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES
<p>Priority Band 1</p> <p>Applicants whose household cannot physically access their accommodation (long term) or those who are in hospital or respite care and have been medically assessed as being able to return permanently to their current home.</p> <p>Applicants owed a “main” homeless duty (see 2.10 above).</p> <p>Applicants who have been accepted as homeless or threatened with homelessness within 56 days where NHA enquiries have established that the personal safety of an applicant or member or their household is seriously threatened, examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants who have been assessed as requiring an urgent need to move to alternative accommodation because of serious threat to personal safety, for example, racial harassment, harassment or domestic abuse. • Applicants whose homes are in the Borough and are subject to a demolition order or a prohibition order/emergency prohibition order. • Applicants whose household is subject to a serious safeguarding concern and is evidenced an urgent need to move or there is a significant risk or harm. 	<p>Applicants whose household cannot physically access their accommodation (long term) or those who are in hospital or respite care and have been medically assessed as being able to return permanently to their current home.</p> <p>Applicants owed a “main” homeless duty (see 2.10 above).</p> <p>Applicants whose homes are in the Borough and are subject to a demolition order or a prohibition order/emergency prohibition order.</p> <p>Applicants whose household is subject to a serious safeguarding concern and is evidenced an urgent need to move or there is a significant risk or harm where it is imminently not safe to remain in their own home.</p>	<p>The changes in Band 1 will be remove the current text “applicants who have been accepted as homeless or threatened with homelessness within 56 days where NHA enquiries have established that the personal safety of an applicant or member or their household is seriously threatened”.</p> <p>The current policy wording links applicants who need to move on grounds of personal safety to a formalistic homelessness process. This has been found to be a convoluted process It is proposed that those who are adjudged to require an urgent housing need; are placed in Band 6, without the need to go through the homelessness route</p>

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<p>Priority Band 2</p> <p>Applicants who have been assessed as qualifying for the Relief Duty who would be owed or likely to be owed the main duty when the Relief Duty comes to an end. This is because they are or likely to be in a priority need and unintentionally homeless in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.</p>	<p>Applicants who have been assessed as qualifying for the Relief Duty who would be owed or likely to be owed the main duty when the Relief Duty comes to an end. This is because they are or likely to be in a <i>priority or non-priority need and unintentionally homeless</i> in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.</p> <p><i>Applicants who have been assessed as qualifying for the Relief Duty, who are or likely to be in a non-priority need and unintentionally homeless in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017</i></p> 	<p>The current Band 2 text will be retained. However, it is proposed that the current text in Band 3, be moved into Band 2. Therefore, the new Band 2, will contain all applicants; who are owed a relief duty, encompassing those who are in priority and non-priority need.</p> <p>However, a rule change is to be included within the CBL scheme, whereby, in the bidding of properties, priority will be given to those applicants who are in priority need over those in non-priority need, thereby maintaining the preference afforded to the groupings within the Homelessness legislation.</p>
<p>Priority Band 3</p> <p>Applicants who have been assessed as qualifying for the Relief Duty, who are or likely to be in a non-priority need and unintentionally homeless in accordance with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.</p>	<p>NHA Preference Band; applicants who require specific property requirements can be prioritized over other applicants. This is to allow discretionary judgements to be made by NHA and Aspire Housing and for justified cases to be awarded a higher band, which ordinarily would not have given. Written notes and justifications will be retained for such awards on case records.</p> <p>Applicants or their household who have been assessed as requiring a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) but moving would be a more efficient way to meet their needs</p>	<p>The new Band 3, which will become vacant, will become a NHA Preference Band. This will be used by management to award discretionary priority on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Greater priority will also be extended to households who are eligible for Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) but moving would be a more efficient way to meet their needs</p>

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<p>Priority Band 4</p> <p>Applicants who are threatened with homelessness and owed the Prevention Duty and are likely to be assessed as unintentionally homeless if both the Prevention Duty and any subsequent Relief Duty comes to an end.</p> <p>Applicants who are overcrowded and need 2 or more extra bedrooms and who have not been assessed as deliberately worsening their housing situation.</p> <p>Applicants or a member of their household who are seriously affected by their health and/or mobility and where living in their current accommodation is having a serious adverse effect on the health or welfare of the person concerned. This will be termed as Major Medical Award.</p> <p>Applicants where move on accommodation is required from supported housing and this is backed by a clear plan from the support provider and there is an agreed protocol in place (see 2.16 below).</p> <p>Applicants who are Social Housing tenants and under-occupying their property by 2 or more bedrooms. Priority will be given to applicants downsizing to another property managed by their current landlord.</p> <p>Applicants who are Social Housing tenants who have been assessed and notified of the end of their fixed term tenancy due to inappropriate size of the accommodation.</p>	<p>Applicants who are threatened with homelessness and owed the Prevention Duty and are likely to be assessed as unintentionally homeless if both the Prevention Duty and any subsequent Relief Duty comes to an end.</p> <p>Applicants who are overcrowded and need 2 or more extra bedrooms and who have not been assessed as deliberately worsening their housing situation.</p> <p>Applicants or a member of their household: a) are living in accommodation that is having a very serious adverse effect on their health or b) have very limited mobility which prevents the facilities in their home (e.g. for bathing, toileting and bedrooms) from being accessed.</p> <p>Applicants where move on accommodation is required from supported housing and this is backed by a clear plan from the support provider and there is an agreed protocol in place (see 2.16 below).</p> <p>Applicants who are Social Housing tenants and under-occupying their property by 2 or more bedrooms. Priority will be given to applicants downsizing to another property managed by their current landlord.</p> <p>Applicants who are Social Housing tenants who have been assessed and notified of the end of their fixed term tenancy due to inappropriate size of the accommodation.</p>	

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<p>Priority Band 5</p> <p>Applicants who are overcrowded and need an extra bedroom and who have not been assessed as deliberately worsening their housing situation.</p> <p>Applicants or a member of their household who are affected by their health and/or mobility and where living in their current accommodation is having an adverse effect on the health or welfare of the person concerned. This will be termed as Minor Medical Award.</p> <p>Applicants who are social housing tenants who are under-occupying their accommodation by 1 bedroom or have an adapted property no longer required.</p> <p>Applicants who have a social need to move such as care or support, employment, relationship breakdown and affordability as assessed by NHA.</p> <p>Social housing tenants who are requesting a transfer to the Borough and have a right to move to be closer to employment or take up an offer of employment.</p> <p>Applicants who are Social Housing tenants with children under 5 occupying a 2nd floor (or above) flat, without access to a lift.</p>	<p>Applicants who are overcrowded and need an extra bedroom and who have not been assessed as deliberately worsening their housing situation.</p> <p>Applicants or a member of their household a) are living in accommodation that is having an adverse effect on their health or b) have mobility difficulties where access to the facilities in their home (e.g. for bathing, toileting and bedrooms presents difficulty and requires assistance.</p> <p>Applicants who are social housing tenants who are under-occupying their accommodation by 1 bedroom or have an adapted property no longer required.</p> <p>Applicants who have a social need to move such as care or support, employment, relationship breakdown and affordability as assessed by NHA.</p> <p>Social housing tenants who are requesting a transfer to the Borough and have a right to move to be closer to employment or take up an offer of employment.</p> <p>Applicants who are Social Housing tenants with children under 5 occupying a 2nd floor (or above) flat, without access to a lift.</p>	

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<p>Band 6 (Reduced preference)</p> <p>Applicants who have been assessed as having a reduced priority under the Policy because of unacceptable behaviour and non co-operation including homelessness applicants owed a homeless prevention and/or relief duty (see 2.7 above).</p> <p>Applicants with no housing need who are not existing social housing tenants.</p> <p>Applicants with no local connection who are 55 years and over are eligible for sheltered accommodation only</p> <p>Applicants with the financial means to secure their own accommodation, either by outright purchase, shared ownership or rental within the private sector (see Equity Policy</p>	<p>Applicants who have been assessed as having a reduced priority under the Policy because of unacceptable behaviour and non co-operation including homelessness applicants owed a homeless prevention and/or relief duty (see 2.7 above).</p> <p>Applicants with no housing need who are not existing social housing tenants.</p> <p>Applicants with no local connection who are 55 years and over <u>and do not have with the financial means to secure their own accommodation, either by outright purchase, shared ownership or rental within the private sector</u> are eligible for sheltered accommodation only</p> <p>Applicants with the financial means to secure their own accommodation, either by outright purchase, shared ownership or rental within the private sector (see Equity Policy).</p>	