

## Homefinder Banding Scheme

All applications will be assessed on their individual circumstances and placed into one of five Bands based on the outcome of the assessment. Band 1 has the highest priority and Band 5 the lowest. An applicant is prioritised in each Band based on their 'effective date'

The Bands are outlined below. For more details please refer to the Homefinder Lettings Policy. The reference section is included below.

### **Band 1**

- **An applicant to whom a local authority within the Homefinder partnership has accepted a statutory homelessness duty** (*Section 8.2*)
- **An applicant in a property subject to an Emergency Prohibition Order, or Demolition Order** (*Section 8.5*)
- **An applicant who was a social housing joint tenant and has been left in occupation at the end of the tenancy and who is under occupying their current home** (*Section 8.6*)
- **A social housing tenant 'succeeding' to a tenancy where the property is not suitable for their needs** (*Section 8.7*)
- **An applicant who does not have a right to succeed to a social housing tenancy but is left in occupation, but the property is not suitable to their needs and they meet the agreed criteria** (*Section 8.7*)
- **An applicant assessed as having a severe medical need** (*Section 8.14*)
- **An applicant assessed as having a severe welfare need** (*Section 8.15*)
- **An applicant in tied accommodation who qualifies under the Rent Agricultural Act 1976** (*Section 8.19*)
- **Current or former members of the Armed Forces, including Reserve Forces with a service related injury** (*Section 8.20*)
- **Bereaved spouses and civil partners of members of the Armed Forces leaving Services Family Accommodation following the death of their spouse or partner** (*Section 8.20*)

- **An applicant in Band 2 with two or more needs from that Band**

### **Band 2**

- **An applicant threatened with homelessness within 3 months or who is homeless and is actively working with the Housing Options Team to prevent or relieve their homelessness. Applicant must be considered to be in priority need and losing their accommodation through no fault of their own. (Section 8.4)**
- **A social housing tenant within the Homefinder area who is under occupying by one or more bedrooms. (Section 8.6)**
- **An applicant or member(s) of their household who need to relocate as they have been offered, or they have recently taken up an offer of full time employment or apprenticeship in the Homefinder area. (Section 8.11)**
- **A social housing tenant requiring to transfer for work-related reasons. (Section 8.11)**
- **An applicant whose household is overcrowded by two or more bedrooms. (Section 8.13)**
- **An applicant assessed as having a moderate medical need. (Section 8.14)**
- **An applicant assessed as having a moderate welfare need. (Section 8.15)**
- **An applicant who has been rough sleeping for 4 weeks or more. (Section 8.18)**
- **An applicant in Band 3 with three or more needs**

### **Band 3**

- **An applicant who is threatened with homelessness or who is homeless and is receiving assistance to prevent or relieve their homelessness (not considered to be in priority need or is intentionally homeless). (Section 8.4)**
- **An applicant living in poor housing conditions. (Section 8.9)**
- **An applicant who has No Fixed Address. (Section 8.10)**

- **A 'Golden Transfer' tenant who has been a tenant of their current home for two years, has a clear rent account for 12 months, no record of any breach of their tenancy and no anti-social behaviour record. (Section 8.12)**
- **An applicant whose households are overcrowded by one bedroom. (Section 8.13)**
- **An applicant assessed as having a low medical need. (Section 8.14)**
- **An applicant assessed as having a low welfare need. (Section 8.15)**
- **An applicant served with valid Notice to Quit. (Section 8.16)**
- **An applicant with young children living in a flat above ground floor and/or lacking access to a garden. (Section 8.22)**

#### **Band 4**

- **An applicant assessed as having a Band 1, 2 or 3 need but with significant financial resources. (Section 6.5)**
- **An applicant who has deliberately worsened their circumstances. (Section 6.8)**
- **An applicant whose behaviour, or the behaviour of a member of their household, affects their suitability to be a tenant. (Section 6.10)**

#### **Band 5**

- **An applicant in a property requiring repairs that are able to be carried out.**
- **An applicant who is in accommodation that meets their needs.**
- **Owner occupiers. (Section 8.17)**
- **An applicant with significant financial resources who is financially able to purchase accommodation suitable for their housing needs. (Section 6.5)**
- **An applicant who resides in a caravan or boat. (Section 8.21)**

- **An applicant who is currently in prison. (*Section 8.10*)**
- **An applicant who does not have a local connection to the district and is seeking to be rehoused in a flat designated for person's age 60+.**