

Ceredigion Common Allocations Policy Consultation

Please answer the following questions to share your views on our Common Allocations Policy

Consultation Questions

1. Which of the following categories applies to you as a responder?

- Professional (working in the Housing/Homelessness industry)
- Current Housing Register Applicant
- Member of the public
- Town Council
- Councillor

2. Households usually apply to the housing register through our web-based application or by phoning our Contact Centre, Clic. Which of the following would be your preferred method of applying?

- Website
- Telephone application
- Video Call application
- Face to Face
- Other

3. The high level aims of the policy are to provide secure housing for those most in need and to ensure that social housing is embedded as part of a sustainable community.

Do you agree or disagree that household needs should be the main consideration in allocating housing?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

4. Do you agree or disagree that consideration needs to be given to mixed communities to enable them to be sustainable?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

5. The policy aims to combat the effects of Ceredigion's lower than average pay levels, and enable Social Housing to support the lowest paid working families. Households who can demonstrate that the median local rent for the type of house they need is more than 30% of their income will now be eligible for an allocation.

Do you agree or disagree that the allocations policy should consider the affordability of housing in Ceredigion?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

6. We propose that in terms of housing need, one type of need won't be greater than another, but that the allocation of housing will be spread equally across needs. This will enable us to maintain mixed communities in social housing. (Please see the section on Assessing Housing Needs and the Bands, for further information)

Do you agree or disagree with treating all needs on an equal basis?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

7. We will give additional preference to households with a local connection. (See Stage 3, Assessing for Local Connection).

Do you agree or disagree that we give an additional preference to households with a local connection?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree

- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

8. Do you agree or disagree with our local connection criteria?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

9. Do you agree or disagree that we include those households who can demonstrate a local connection via the specific border villages should also be considered eligible?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

10. We will give reduced preference to applicants who demonstrate that they have behaved poorly in past tenancies or have misled the Council in their application. This means they won't be eligible for an allocation for the period. This will be reviewed annually
Do you agree or disagree with this approach?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

11. Do you agree or disagree with the reasons for reduced preference as set out in Stage 2 – assessing for reduced preference?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

12. Are there any other circumstances you think we should take into consideration?

Enter your answer

13. Properties will be allocated according to needs and area choice, and then by waiting date. This means people who have been waiting longer will be offered first. Your waiting date is allocated at point of application.

Should the housing needs change, triggering a review, do you think that the waiting date should be reset/ start over?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree

- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

14. The law states certain groups of people have a reasonable preference for allocation. We also propose additional groups of applicants who we would give a reasonable preference to. (See Stage 1, Identifying housing need)

Do you agree or disagree with the additional groups?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

15. Are there any other groups that you think we should include as a housing need?

Enter your answer

16. People who have assets or a high income are considered better able to resolve their own housing needs. As such they will be placed in Band D, from which there will be a smaller chance of allocation.

Do you agree or disagree with this approach?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree

- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Other

17. In general applicants will need a local connection of 5 years (with some exceptions). Households who are experiencing homelessness need further assistance, and therefore we propose that where a homeless household has been working with the Council for a period of time, the local connection criteria will be amended.

Do you agree or disagree with this approach?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Other

18. Can you suggest any gaps or improvements?

Enter your answer

19. Do you have any other comments?

Enter your answer

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