



**KEYWAYS HOUSING
ALLOCATION POLICY**

Consultation

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Corby Borough Council**

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CONSULTATION PROCESS AND HOW TO RESPOND

Topic of this consultation:	Corby Borough Council Keyways Housing Allocation Policy
Geographical scope:	Corby Borough

Basic Information

To:	This consultation is aimed primarily at service users, internal sections of Corby Borough Council, Housing Providers, representative groups, community and voluntary organisations.
Responsible for consultation:	This consultation is being lead by the Housing Options Manager of Corby Borough Council.
Duration:	This consultation will run for 28 days from Friday 23 February 2018 to Friday 23 March 2018.
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After the consultation:	A summary of the responses to the consultation will be published on the Corby Borough Council website within 3 months of the end of the consultation.

BACKGROUND

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 (HRA 2017) comes into force on 3 April 2018 therefore a full review was undertaken of the Corby Borough Council Keyways Housing Allocation Policy.

The review is conducted to ensure that the local authority continues to:

- give preference to households who are in the most housing need (including the reasonable preference categories),
- allocates social housing efficiently,
- complies with the new duties in the HRA 2017.

The proposed changes will be heard at Corby Borough Council's One Corby Policy Committee on the 6 March 2018.

CONSULTATION

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE KEYWAYS HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY MARCH 2018

	Issue	Proposed Change	Full details can be found at the following section of the policy										
1	<p>Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 (HRA 2017) <i>Enforced on 3 April 2018</i></p>	<p>In order for the housing allocation scheme to lawfully consider applications that have a duty under the HRA 2017, we have introduced 5 tiered bands as follows;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="660 846 1147 1559"> <tr> <td data-bbox="660 846 794 882">Band A</td> <td data-bbox="794 846 1147 882">Full Main Duty</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="660 882 794 1050">Band B</td> <td data-bbox="794 882 1147 1050">Relief Duty (Local connection, priority need and not worsened their housing circumstances)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="660 1050 794 1218">Band B</td> <td data-bbox="794 1050 1147 1218">Prevention Duty (Local connection, priority need and not worsened their housing circumstances)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="660 1218 794 1388">Band C</td> <td data-bbox="794 1218 1147 1388">Relief or Prevention Duty (Local connection, no priority need and not worsened their housing circumstances)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="660 1388 794 1559">Band D</td> <td data-bbox="794 1388 1147 1559">Relief or Prevention Duty (No local connection and/or worsened their housing circumstances)</td> </tr> </table>	Band A	Full Main Duty	Band B	Relief Duty (Local connection, priority need and not worsened their housing circumstances)	Band B	Prevention Duty (Local connection, priority need and not worsened their housing circumstances)	Band C	Relief or Prevention Duty (Local connection, no priority need and not worsened their housing circumstances)	Band D	Relief or Prevention Duty (No local connection and/or worsened their housing circumstances)	8.0
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2	<p>When the council has a full main homeless duty to households, this can only be discharged to suitable accommodation. This is extremely difficult to find in the private sector due to affordability, access to a guarantor, passing credit checks and high upfront costs.</p> <p>Some homeless households are disqualified from the</p>	<p>Applications from households owed a full main homeless duty (Band A & B) will be exempt from the non-qualifying criteria regarding debts on the condition that affordable repayment plan(s) are put in place and strictly adhered to.</p>	6.5										

	<p>current housing allocation scheme due to debt.</p> <p>Whilst waiting for an affordable/suitable private sector property the household are housed in high cost temporary accommodation and blocking any move on for new homeless households.</p>		
3	Clarify policy that already exists.	Text changes.	Highlighted areas in red throughout.

AGREE

DISAGREE

DON'T KNOW

COMMENTS

CONSULTEE INFORMATION

Name of person completing the consultation;

Name of department/housing provider/agency;

Contact telephone number;

Email address;

Thank you in advance of your participation.