

Housing Allocations Policy Consultation

Background

Consultation was initially carried out in December 2016 and January 2017 with Council and St Leger Homes employees, St Leger Homes Board, council tenants, partners, stakeholders, housing providers and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for housing. Further consultation has also been completed from September 2017 to January 2018 on the additional proposals as per the following timetable:

September 2017	Housing Portfolio Holder
Oct/Nov 2017	Invitation to Ward Member Seminars
October 2017	Senior Managers – St Leger Homes
November 2017	Homeless and Support Partnership
November 2017	Email to all Stakeholders
November 2017	Press release
November 2017	St Leger Homes Board
Nov 2017 – Jan 2018	Online Customer Survey and email
January 2018	Executive Management Team – St Leger Homes
January 2018	Doncaster Council's Legal Services
January 2018	Housing Portfolio Holder

Online Survey outcomes

Part of the consultation process was an online survey to enable customers to consider 6 of the 7 proposed changes (the change regarding the legislative change around Right to Move was not consulted upon given it is a legislative requirement). The responses to the online consultation are as follows:

Proposed Change	No of respondents	Agree	Disagree
1) Inclusion of predominantly older owners in the General Band	171	138 (81%)	33 (19%)
2) Changes to discharge of Homeless Full Housing Duty	170	153 (90%)	17 (10%)
3) Changes to the Size Criteria and eligibility	195	143 (71%)	52 (29%)
4) Homeless prevention priority	196	178 (91%)	18 (9%)
5) Resettlement Platinum priority	197	179 (91%)	18 (9%)
6) Removal of debt element of Resettlement priority	195	159 (82%)	36 (18%)

Responses to the dedicated email were limited to 3. Responses and feedback were considered as part of the process.