

Appendix A

Amendments to the Sheffield City Council Allocations Policy

This appendix shows the amendments to paragraphs 7.8 – 7.11 of the Allocations Policy necessary to implement the proposals in the report.

Deletions can be identified through the use of ~~strikeout~~ and additional wording through the use of *italics*.

7.8 Allocations to Extra Care, *Older Persons Independent Living with Care* and Supported Accommodation

7.9 Introduction

This section applies to *allocations and nominations in relation to properties identified as supported accommodation*. If the Council is the landlord of this accommodation, then these criteria will be used for allocations *and in relation to properties owned by other housing providers these criteria are used to nominate a person for a property (and for the purpose of this section only “nomination” shall include an “allocation “of the Council supported accommodation properties).*

Supported accommodation schemes are provided by a number of housing providers. Adults in these schemes have care or support needs for reasons such as age, learning disability, physical disability, sensory impairment, or mental health. They receive an appropriate level of care and support to enable them to live independently. Some accommodation is self-contained, and some is for small groups of people who are sharing. This offers a choice where, how and with whom the service user may live.

Not all *supported accommodation* schemes are suitable for everyone. We will not nominate you to a scheme if we consider you are unsuitable for the scheme. The factors to which we will have regard are care, support and housing needs, age, preferences of potential sharers in shared accommodation, Safeguarding Adults issues, the type of accommodation available and any agreement we have made with the housing provider.

We will make nominations to a scheme. The decision to *approve a grant of a tenancy will also be required by the landlord housing provider.*

Specialist supported accommodation provision within the City is identified on our approved supported accommodation list.

These provisions also apply to *properties designated as Extra Care and Older Persons Independent Living with Care* schemes for elderly tenants in the City.

7.10 Aims of the allocations criteria

The aim of these allocations criteria is to ensure that properties in the supported accommodation schemes are let fairly to people in eligible need, and if you are in eligible need, to give you as much choice and control as possible about where you live.

In shared and cluster accommodation this includes ensuring the compatibility of tenants as far as possible, including taking the age, needs and wishes of existing residents into consideration, so that the letting is sustainable. Safeguarding Adults issues will also be considered as part of the process.

You must normally have a “*care and/or support need*” to qualify for supported accommodation. And “*housing need*” will also be taken into account.

Nominations to a supported accommodation scheme will usually be made on the basis of the level of care/support need and housing need. But in order to ensure the right balance of residents some nominations may be made only on the basis of housing need. The overall balance of residents needs within a scheme is referred to below as the “Scheme Profile”. The Scheme Profile is monitored and nominations to these schemes are managed to ensure the sustainability of the scheme.

Your care needs will be assessed in accordance with guidance on adult social care eligibility criteria as amended from time to time and may include consideration of whether a nomination may end or prevent a residential or nursing placement. ~~Support needs will be assessed with reference to our Supporting People Programme.~~

7.11 Variations to the Allocations Policy

Vacancies will not *usually* be offered through CBL *where the nomination is to be based on the applicant’s assessed need for care and support.*

Vacancies will usually be offered through CBL if the nomination is to be made on the basis of housing need only.

Nominations will be made taking into account the following factors in order of priority:

- a) The *Scheme Profile* of the particular scheme established by the housing provider as agreed with us.
- b) The allocations criteria and priorities *set out* in this Policy.