

Thanet District Council - Housing Allocation Policy

Summary of amendments

- Updated landlord information and the volume of council lets allocated from 2016 to 2017-2018.
- Section 1.2 has been added to ensure eligibility is clear
- Section 2.1 added 'Households that have fled domestic abuse from another district will be exempt from this criteria'. (new statutory guidance)
- Section 2.3 amended to remove exclusion for unacceptable behaviour but to reduce priority to band D.
- Section 2.4 Policy reflects a timescale on voluntary worsening of 12 months.
- Section 3.1 Factor 4 added in band C to include key workers and Factor 3 added in band D following case law on households with former tenancy debts.
- Added section 3.2 to reflect waiting times
- Section 3.3 reviewed to ensure that those recommended ground floor homes only and unable to manage stairs will not be considered for houses unless adapted.
- Section 3.5 added that bedsits will meet the housing needs of a single person.
- Section 3.5 additional definition of families with one child (over 16) to ensure they are considered for flats and maisonettes only
- Added sensitive lettings in Section 3.9
- Added direct lettings Section 3.10
- Added refusals section 3.11
- Section 4.1 added 'for legacy homeless cases that were accepted a full homeless duty before the 3 April 2018 will be prioritised to band B.
- Section 4.7 Key workers added
- Clarified section 6.1 to state the Council 'expects the tenant to clear their rent account before an offer of accommodation is made'
- Additional information added relating to Management Transfers in section 8.3
- Information added under section 8.4 about the Government's newly established 'Right to Move' for certain social housing tenants.
- Added 9.1 auto bidding information
- Removal of Section 9.4 discretionary powers
- Section 10.2 expanded to include pre-assessment for housing
- Section 10.4 added 'placing bids'
- Section 10.7 added that if no bids placed within 6 months when there are available homes to bid on they may be removed from the housing register
- Section 11 added Homeless Reduction Act added outlining the new duties
- Section 14 GDPR content amended and updated.