

Consultation Report - Revision to the Councils Allocations Scheme (as approved in November 2012)

Who was consulted?

A variety of stakeholders have been consulted on the proposed changes including, Registered Providers, Elected Members, Parish Councils and details were also placed on the consultation portal. All partner agencies were also made aware of the proposed changes through our partnership meetings.

How were the consulted?

Consultation was conducted by a combination of email and via Cherwell's website. Copies of the Allocations Scheme with the proposed changes along with a crib sheet explaining the changes in greater detail were provided to all to allow for a clear understanding of the proposed changes and how this will be implemented (if approved).

What was the feedback?

Feedback has generally been very positive.

Registered Providers have welcomed and are in support of the changes being proposed. In particular they have been pleased to see the introduction of a reserve list which will help develop a pool of prospective tenants for vacant properties. Following the introduction of the existing scheme there have been some instances where Cherwell have been unable to provide a nomination to a Registered Provider. The introduction of Financial Hardship under social and welfare has also been seen to be a welcome addition due to the welfare reforms seen in recent years.

Parish Councils – a number of parish councils responded to the consultation. They continue to express a desire to ensure that properties within their parishes are made available to those people who have a connection with the parish. The introduction of a reserve list will help to support this by allowing a greater number of people onto the register with connections to the parishes who can be considered for properties within the parish.

Elected Members – all members received details of the proposed changes. The comments received were positive and welcomed the addition of a reserve list to allow more people on the register and greater priority for people with a parish connection to be given opportunities to remain in the village.

Cherwell Staff have also been fully briefed and involved in the process of developing the proposed changes. They have also provided comments for the consultation which have been welcomed to help support the new scheme.

Consultees' list –

Registered Providers

- A2Dominion
- Ability Housing
- Advance Housing
- Anchor
- Bromford
- English Rural Housing Association
- Green Square
- Hanover
- Housing and Care 21
- Oxford City
- Paradigm Housing
- Sanctuary
- SOHA
- Sovereign
- Stonewater
- TVHA

Councillors

- All members (before election on 7 May 2015)

Consultation Portal

- A variety of other partner agencies included on the consultation mailing list. The consultation was also promoted via Facebook and Twitter to generate as much awareness as possible.

Parish Councils

- Adderbury
- Ardley and Fewcott
- Banbury Town Council
- Begbrook
- Blackthorn
- Bloxham
- Bourton
- Bucknell
- Charlton-on-Otmoor
- Claydon with Clattercote
- Cropredy
- Drayton
- Epwell
- Finmere
- Fritwell
- Gosford and Water Eaton
- Hanwell
- Hethe
- Horley
- Hornton-cum-Studley
- Kidlington
- Launton
- Merton
- Middleton Stoney
- Milton
- Mollington
- Noke
- North Newington
- Piddington
- Shenington with Alkerton
- Shutford
- Sibford Gower
- Souldern
- Steeple Aston
- Stratton Audley
- Tadmarton
- Wardington
- Weston-on-the-Green
- Wroxton
- Ambrosden
- Arncott
- Barford St John and Barford St Michael
- Bicester Town Council
- Bletchingdon
- Bodicote
- Broughton
- Caversfield
- Cherwell District Council Chesterton
- Cottisford
- Deddington
- Duns Tew
- Fencott and Murcott
- Fringford
- Godington
- Hampton Gay and Poyle
- Hardwick and Tusmore
- Hook Norton
- Hornton
- Islip
- Kirtlington
- Lower Heyford
- Middle Aston
- Milcombe
- Mixbury
- Newton Purcell and Shelswell
- North Aston
- Oddington
- Prescote
- Shipton-on-Cherwell and Thrupp
- Sibford Ferris
- Somerton
- South Newington
- Stoke Lyne
- Swalcliffe
- Upper Heyford
- Wendlebury
- Wiggington
- Yarnton