

LIST OF CHANGES TO HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY PROPOSED IN APPENDIX B

1.1	Minor update to references to legislation and statutory guidance.
3.6	Shows how the policy contributes to Health and Wellbeing.
3.1, 3.4, 3.7, 3.9, 3.10, 6.4, 12.5, 16.4, 17.4	Operational delegated powers have been moved in most cases to operational management, rather than sitting with the Strategic Director for Services for People. This is consistent with the Head of Service – Stronger Communities continuing to have responsibility for statutory reviews under paragraph 25.2.
4.11	This clause relates to transitional protection for certain transfer applicants which applied when the current policy was introduced in 2012. It is being deleted as it should no longer be relevant by the time the revised policy is implemented.
6.1	Amends the residence/employment within Rutland requirement to the preceding two years, or for three of the preceding five years.
6.2	Carries forward and clarifies the previous definition of 'paid employment'. Clarifies that the new time periods also apply where there is a pre-existing local lettings policy (e.g. for rural exceptions sites).
6.3	Transitional protection to help ensure that existing applicants can remain on the list.
6.4	Last bullet point ensures that existing social housing tenants in Rutland do not have to meet a qualification period if they are entitled to join the list. This helps to ensure efficient use of social housing within Rutland.
7.2, 7.3	Previous paragraph has been split in two for ease of reading.
7.7, 7.10, 19.0 (Employment points)	The amounts have been re-indexed to 1 April 2013 prices.
14.6, Appendix 1	Change of typical qualification age to 50 for older people's housing, in line with existing housing association practice to make best use of available properties.
14.8	Reference to 'sheltered housing' changed to 'supported housing', in line with current terminology.
16.4	Recognition of arrangements in section 106 agreement for a new development in Uppingham, to avoid the need for a separate local lettings policy.
17.4	Clarification that social housing in Rutland is owned by housing associations.
19.0	Some improvements to formatting and minor typo corrections.
19.0	Employment points – clarification of definition.
19.0	Under Occupation of family housing – these points have been reduced to 130 per bedroom fewer to avoid people down-sizing receiving too much priority relative to other households.
Appendix 1	Couples can now to access 2 bedroom flats. This reduces the pressure on 1 bedroom general needs flats and makes better use of 2 bedroom flats, for which the demand is less than anticipated despite the introduction of the bedroom tax. Also some changes / clarifications relating to the qualification ages.
Appendix 2	Updated to reflect changes to Under Occupation of family housing points. Now in alphabetical order.
Appendix 3	Omitted (deleted appendix not reproduced in full), as the Oakham Vale local lettings policy continues automatically under 16.5.