

## Amendments to the Draft of the Lettings Policy - October 2004

- Reference to Neighbourhood Housing Office has been replaced by local housing office
- Para 20 in relation to Who Cannot Register: deletion of following line “and those people excluded from entitlement to housing benefit”
- Para 88 The words from “time to time” replaced with “periodically”
- Successions and Assignments - new paragraph inserted to acknowledge this at para 156 and Second Succession moved from para 58 to para 158
- Para 93 – 16/17 year olds: 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point deleted (this read “the Council has accepted a duty for them under the homelessness provisions of the Homelessness Act 2002”)
- Para 136 Medical definitions clarified further to read:

### **Band 4**

Households which include a person (or persons) with an illness or disability which is not helped by their current home and where a move is desirable (but not necessary) will remain in Band 4

### **Band 3 - Medical Priority**

Households which include a person (or persons) whose illness or disability is made worse by their present home and who need a move to improve the effect on their medical condition will be awarded Medical Priority for registration in Band 3

### **Band 2 – Urgent Medical Priority**

Households which include a person (or persons) whose serious illness or disability is made significantly worse by their current home and where urgent rehousing is assessed as being vital can be awarded Urgent Medical Priority by the Medical Assessment Panel following referral by the Medical Assessment Service. Such applications will be included in Band 2.

- Para 137 Statutory Obligation: 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point amended to read “other legal obligations the council has to discharge through urgent housing as assessed by the Housing Options Manager”
- Para 138 Personal Protection/harassment – insertion of word ‘significant’ – to now read “.....applies to applicants who have been assessed as bring at **significant** risk in their current home”. Also, further line inserted to read: “This Panel may also consider applicants in other exceptional circumstances for priority with rehousing”.

- Para 145 Insanitary Conditions – first bullet point, insertion of word ‘facilities’ – to now read “lacks bathroom facilities or kitchen facilities or inside wc”
- Part 4: Choice based Lettings; title changed to **Choice for Applicants**
- Para 172 – Following words deleted from 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point “this applies to children sharing also”
- Para 200 revisited – following words deleted “see paras 154 and 201 for possible exceptions”
- Paras 187 and 190 reference to HOMES mobility scheme now referred to as HOMES/HEMS to reflect changeover to new scheme
- Para 205 Appeals 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point – other exceptional circumstances – delete ‘this applies’ and replace with ‘for example’