

Appendix 1

List of Consultation Questions Allocations

1. Does your allocation scheme/transfer policy already provide for social tenants who are under-occupying to be given priority?	Yes
2. Do you intend to revise your allocation scheme in order to make it easier for under-occupying social tenants to downsize to more appropriately sized accommodation?	Yes DBC is consulting on changes to the local policy to introduce incentives /rewards. This would be in our local letting policy
3. If so, what changes to your allocation scheme will you be considering – To make it easier for under-occupying tenants to downsize?	The current policy adequately covers under-occupation
4. Do you agree that members of the armed forces and former service personnel should not be disqualified on residency grounds? Is 5 years from the date of discharge an appropriate time limit for this restriction? If not, what would be a more appropriate period?	Yes, however a period of 12 months to 2 years should apply.
5. Does the draft guidance provide sufficient clarity on how to implement the new power for housing authorities to set their own allocations qualification criteria? If not, in what areas would more guidance be useful?	Yes
6. Do you agree that the bedroom standard is an appropriate measure of overcrowding for the purpose of according reasonable preference? If not, what measure do you consider would be more appropriate?	Yes

<p>7. Should this guidance provide advice on how to define ‘overcrowding’ for the purpose of according additional preference? If so, would an appropriate measure be two bedrooms or more short of the bedroom standard?</p>	<p>Yes, already do this</p>
<p>8. How does your allocation scheme currently define ‘overcrowding’ for allocation purposes? Does it, for example, use the bedroom standard, the statutory overcrowding standards in Part 10 of the Housing Act 1985, or another definition? If the last of these, please provide brief details.</p>	<p>It uses the Bedroom standard</p>
<p>9. The Government proposes to regulate to require housing authorities to frame their allocation scheme to provide for former service personnel with urgent housing needs to be given additional preference for social housing. Do you agree with this proposal?</p>	<p>Yes, already do this</p>
<p>10. Does your allocation scheme already make use of the flexibilities within the allocation legislation to provide for those who have served in the armed forces to be given greater priority for social housing? If so, how does your scheme provide for this?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>11. If not, do you intend to take advantage of the flexibilities in the allocation legislation to provide for former members of the armed forces to be given 43 greater priorities for social housing? If so, what changes might you be considering?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>12. Does your allocation scheme already provide for some priority to be given to people who are in work, seeking work, or otherwise contributing to the community? If so, how does your scheme provide for this?</p>	<p>Includes people who have to commute for work within local policy</p>

<p>13. If not, do you intend to revise your allocation scheme to provide for more priority to be given to people who are in work, seeking work, or otherwise contributing to the community? If so, what changes might you be considering?</p>	<p>May need to consider to ensure balance in some local communities as part of local policy</p>
<p>14. Are there other ways in which housing authorities can frame their allocation scheme to meet the needs of prospective adopters and foster carers?</p>	<p>Already do this</p>
<p>15. Does the draft guidance provide sufficient clarity on the extent of flexibilities available to housing authorities when framing their allocation scheme?</p>	<p>Yes</p>