

London Borough of Bexley

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON CHANGES TO HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

Local people are being asked for their views on proposed changes to the London Borough of Bexley's Housing Allocations policy.

The existing Housing Allocations policy was introduced in June 2013. It was agreed that a review would take place to identify any further changes.

These changes will ensure that the borough is able to meet the current housing pressures.

Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Cllr Eileen Pallen said; "Like all local authorities we are seeing a huge increase in the need for housing. We have to make sure that the resources we have go to those who need them the most and who have a right to them.

"This review seeks to make sure our system is fair for all and, in particular, those that have lived and worked in our borough for some time."

A review has taken place and the Council is proposing five revisions to the policy –

- 1) Increase residency rule from two years to five years.
- 2) Encourage downsizing by increasing priority to under-occupiers.
- 3) Greater use of out of borough private rented or social rented accommodation for homeless households.
- 4) Additional priority to homeless clients in emergency accommodation.
- 5) Increased priority for social needs cases.

To find out more and to contribute to the consultation please visit:
www.bexley.gov.uk/consultations between now and 13 November 2015

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