

Our New Allocations Policy

What does it mean for applicants? Frequently asked questions

1. When will your new policy go live?

From 1 June we have implemented the new policy. We needed to do this in order to comply with the Housing (Scotland Act 2014).

Once we have managed the full transition to the new system, our Housing staff will be able to access the CHR directly. If a vacancy arises we will select applicants from the CHR based on their priority order.

From 1 June– 1 August, we are managing the transfer of all 600 of our current applications onto the Common Housing Register.

This means that during this time, if a vacancy arises we will seek prospective applicants from the Common Housing Register via nomination from the Council.

We have always done this for almost 50% of our vacancies.

2. I'm not on the Common Housing Register. Will I now need to apply?

Yes. We are confirming which of our applicants are not already on the CHR. If you are not on this register, we will contact you as a priority before 20 July to help you to make an application. The date of your application to FHC will become the date of your application to the CHR so that you do not miss out on any priority linked to waiting time.

3. If I am not yet on the CHR, does this mean I won't be considered for any FHC vacancies until I have registered?

Not necessarily. We are checking applications for people who have not registered with the CHR. Where an application has high priority points for

rehousing under our previous policy, we will consider these applicants for any vacancy which arises alongside applicants nominated by the Council, applying the CAP prioritisation system to ensure the applicant most in need is offered the vacancy.

4. I'm already on the Common Housing Register, do I need to do anything?

No. Until the full transfer is complete, if a vacancy arises for a Fairfield Housing Co-operative home, we will ask the Council to nominate from the CHR. If you have priority under the Common Allocations Policy you would be nominated to the Co-operative.

If the date of your application to FHC is earlier than your date of application to the CHR, the earlier date will become the date of your application to the CHR. This ensures that you do not miss out on any priority linked to waiting time.

5. I was hoping for a bedroom for each of my children, will that still apply?

If your application to FHC was earlier than your application to the CHR then providing your children are aged 5 or over, you will be considered to have a "legacy" protection of your points for an extra bedroom. Please note however that we have few three and four bedroom properties and if you are in urgent housing need you may want to consider if this reduces your housing options.

In each case where this applies, we will write to you to explain the position.