

Appendix 1: Banding scheme

Exceptional band

An exceptional level of priority will be awarded in the following circumstances.

1.1 Where an exceptional level of priority has been awarded by the exceptional circumstances panel in accordance with the policy.

1.2 Applicants awaiting an offer of accommodation before they can be discharged from hospital or other NHS in-patient setting and who are otherwise ready for discharge with an approved housing register application.

1.3 Where a household member has been assessed by the council's occupational therapist as having an exceptional need to move to an accessible property.

1.4 Tenants of registered providers living in Portsmouth and tenants of Portsmouth City Council who wish to move from a disabled persons or mobility unit they no longer require.

1.5 Tenants of registered providers living in Portsmouth and tenants of Portsmouth City Council who are under-occupying a property and wish to move to a smaller property, where their current property would be allocated as a 4 bedroom property or larger.

1.6 Tenants of Portsmouth City Council living in a property that has been assessed by the council as having a hazard posing a significant and imminent risk of harm or danger and the property cannot be made safe within a reasonable period.

Urgent band

The urgent band will be awarded in the following circumstances.

2.1 Households living in overcrowded accommodation where they lack three or more bedrooms.

2.2 A household who needs to move because their accommodation is having an impact on their health or welfare to the extent that the accommodation is having a serious impact on a severe or progressive health problem or disability and an urgent move is required to prevent a serious risk to their health.

2.3 Households registered for a priority transfer in accordance with the policy.

2.4 Households awarded a high level of priority by the exceptional circumstances panel in accordance with the policy.

2.5 Households assessed as having an urgent need to move to an accessible property in conjunction with the council's occupational therapist.

2.6 Households nominated for a direct nomination to the housing register in accordance with the quotas allowed by the policy.

2.7 Tenants of registered providers living in Portsmouth and tenants of Portsmouth City Council who are under-occupying a property and wish to move to a smaller property, where their current property would be allocated as a 3 bedroom property or smaller.

2.8 Applicants living in a Portsmouth City Council property or a registered provider's property in Portsmouth who are entitled to succeed to a tenancy under the relevant landlord's succession policy or applicable law.

2.9 Households owed the main housing duty under s.193 of the Housing Act 1996 or assessed as very likely to be owed that duty as a result of a current homelessness application where homelessness cannot be prevented and a personal housing plan is in place and being complied with.

2.10 Social Housing Tenants who need to move because their home is scheduled to be demolished, redeveloped or subject to major works but where the criteria at 1.6 are not met.

2.11 Private sector tenants living in unsatisfactory housing conditions that the council's private sector housing team has identified as posing a serious risk to health and that enforcement action is unable to resolve.

Significant band

The significant band will be awarded in the following circumstances.

3.1 Households living in overcrowded accommodation where they lack two bedrooms.

3.2 A household who needs to move because their accommodation is having an impact on their health or welfare to the extent that the accommodation is having a significant impact on a person's health or welfare and/or having a significant impact on their functional abilities or activities of daily living, but they do not meet the criteria for a high level of priority.

3.3 Households awarded a medium level of priority by the exceptional circumstances panel in accordance with the policy.

3.4 Households assessed as having a significant need to move to an accessible property in conjunction with the council's occupational therapist.

Recognised band

The recognised band will be awarded in the following circumstances.

4.1 Households living in overcrowded accommodation where they lack one bedrooms.

4.2 A household who needs to move because their accommodation is having an impact on their health or welfare to the extent that the accommodation is having a moderate or variable impact on a person's health or welfare.

4.3 Households awarded a low level of priority by the exceptional circumstances panel in accordance with the policy.

4.4 Households assessed as having a moderate or variable need to move to an accessible property in conjunction with the council's occupational therapist. This will include applicants who are otherwise adequately housed but living with their parents and want to live independently but require accessible accommodation.

4.5 Households who are homeless or threatened with homelessness but whom do not meet the criteria at 2.10 and their homelessness cannot be prevented.

4.6 Local authority tenants or tenants of registered providers who need to move to be nearer their work or to take up an offer of work where failure to move would cause hardship, in accordance with the policy.

Additional priority

Additional priority is awarded within each band to the following applicants.

5.1 Current or former members of the British Armed Forces.

5.2 Current or former members of the Reserve Armed Forces who are suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability which is wholly or partly attributable to their service.

5.3 Bereaved spouses or civil partners of those serving in the British Armed Forces where the bereaved spouse or civil partner has to recently or will soon need to leave accommodation provided by the Ministry of Defence.

5.4 Care leavers: applicants who have previously been in the care of Portsmouth City Council for any period of time as a child.