

## **How the Housing Register Works – The Points Scheme**

We aim to make sure that our empty homes are let to those people that need them most, our points scheme helps us to consider everyone's application fairly. The greater your needs, the more points you are awarded. Your points score is worked out using the information that you supply to us on your housing application form. It is in your own interests to:

- Give accurate information
- Tell us straight away if your choices or your circumstances change.
- Return your yearly review form.
- Only tell us about the properties that you would accept if offered – we do not wish to waste your time by offering properties to people who do not want them.

**Please note the following information regarding:**

### **Cramped Living Conditions**

We give points for each extra bedroom you need based on the following:

- A parent, or parents, who share a bedroom with a child.
- A boy and girl having to share a bedroom and one of them is over the age of 5.
- People who have to share a bedroom where at least one of them is over the age of 16 , and they are not: Brothers,  
Sisters, or  
Living as a couple

### **Social Points**

- We will give points for one of the following situations: for being nearer to relatives or being nearer to work .
- We will give points for the following situations: non-physical harassment, domestic violence, discriminatory harassment, or violent harassment.

In the case of harassment points, we will only give them where there is clear evidence to support the allegations. In the case of violent harassment the complaints will generally have to be supported by the police.

### **Medical Points**

Points are awarded according to the extent to which your medical condition is affected by your present home.

What we give points for:

<b><u>POINTS FACTORS</u></b>		
Local Connection		<b>10 points</b>
People with less than £30,000 savings or less than £30,000 Worth of investments including equity in housing		<b>10 points</b>
Applicants with a child (including approved fostered or adopted children and if a household member is pregnant)		<b>15 points</b>
	For each additional child...	<b>5 points</b>
Cramped Living Conditions	(1 extra bedroom needed)	<b>15 points</b>
	(2 extra bedrooms needed)	<b>30 points</b>
	(3 extra bedrooms needed)	<b>45 points</b>
People with a child in an upstairs flat, under 5		<b>10 points</b>
ADC tenant or Housing Association tenant in Ashfield wanting to move from family housing to housing only available to applicants 50 and over		<b>45 points</b>
ADC tenant or Housing Association tenant in Ashfield who apply to move to accommodation with fewer bedrooms. We will give one set of points for <u>each</u> bedroom which would be freed up from the requested move		<b>15 points</b>
Medical Points (given where medical condition is made worse by current living conditions) Awarded in increments of 10.		<b>10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 points</b>
Homelessness (given to those who the Council owes a duty under homeless legislation)		<b>20 points</b>
Lack of Secure Accommodation		<b>15 points</b>
Lack of amenities	No WC	<b>5 points</b>
	No hot water	<b>5 points</b>
	No shower or bath	<b>5 points</b>
Social Needs:	To be nearer relatives for support	<b>15 points</b>
	To be nearer work	<b>5 points</b>
	Non-physical harassment	<b>10 points</b>
	Domestic Violence	<b>35 points</b>
	Discriminatory Harassment	<b>25 points</b>
	Violent Harassment	<b>35 points</b>
Making Disabled or Elderly Accommodation Available In Ashfield		<b>30 points</b>
Waiting Time (for every 3 months on the Housing Register)		<b>1 point</b> <b>(up to a max of 80)</b>