

**Scenarios to demonstrate effect on individual applicants**

1. Mrs Buck is a Council tenant, she currently owes £654 rent arrears, she has made an arrangement to reduce her arrears by £5 per week, and has made 1 payment.

Under current policy – arrears must be under £500 and then regular agreed payments have been made for 3 months before she can be registered onto Housing Register

Under new policy – applicant will not be accepted onto the housing register. Arrears must be under £250 and regular agreed payments have been made for at least 3-months

2. Mr Joel is a Council tenant, he currently owes £94 rent arrears. His rent payment is £7 per week, he has just made an arrangement to reduce the arrears by £12 per month, but has not made any payments.

Under current policy- he would be accepted onto the housing register and allowed to bid

Under new policy – the application will be suspended the arrears have reduced by 50% and regular payments made for 3 months

3. Mr & Mrs Smith applied for housing in July 2015, they are Council tenants living in a one bed flat which meets all their housing needs. They want to move to Birch Green because they prefer the area.

Ms Jones applied for housing in Sept 2016; she is currently living in a 1 bed flat in the private rented sector whilst she can meet her rent obligations she wishes to move to a more affordable property.

Both bid on a 1 bed flat in Birch Green

Under current policy both households would be in Band D on the basis that they are adequately housed. Mr & Mrs Smith would be in a higher position as they have been on the housing register longer.

Under new policy Mr & Mrs Smith as Council tenants who are adequately housed would be in Band E. Ms Jones due to the insecurity of tenure and affordability of current tenancy would be in Band D. She would therefore be in a higher position.

4. Ms Neilson lives in Burscough in a 3 bed house in the private sector, which meets her household needs. She wishes to move closer to her mum in Banks. On the basis that her mum has lived in Banks for 6 years she would be registered in Band D but with Local connection to Banks

Miss Williams lodges with her mum in Tanhouse, with her 2 children, girl aged 2 years, and a boy aged 12 years. The property is a 2 bedroom house, Miss Williams is in Band A to reflect her overcrowding.

Both bid on a 3 bed house in Banks

Under current policy – All applicants with a Local connection are given preference despite their priority band therefore Ms Neilson would be offered the tenancy.

Under new policy – Local connection preference would operate within priority Band, therefore Miss Williams would be offered the tenancy.