

Appendix 1

Results of the lettings policy consultation 2016

Number of responses

Response	No.	%
Paper	105	15
Online	614	85
Total	719	100

Respondents without access to the internet were able to complete paper copies of the survey in the Leeds Homes flyer or their local housing office/One Stop Centre.

1. Do you agree with the proposal to create a separate tenant transfer policy?

Response	No.	%
Yes	500	70
No	118	17
Don't know	95	13
Total	713	100
Blank	6	

Comments

Although there was a large majority in favour of the proposal (70%), there were significant differences between respondents in different housing situations. Council tenants were overwhelming likely to be in favour the proposal, with 90% in agreement. Other groups were less enthusiastic, homeless respondents were the only group where more were against the policy than in favour, with 40% in agreement. Younger people were generally less enthusiastic as well as being more likely to be in an insecure housing situation.

2. If we introduce a tenant transfer quota, what proportion of properties should be advertised for council tenants?

Response	No.	%
10%	88	13
20%	97	14
25%	238	34
Other	174	25
Don't agree with tenant quota	104	15
Total	701	101
Blank	18	

Comments

Of those that agreed, there was a general consensus that 25% was the correct proportion. Most of the respondents who selected 'other' and stated what proportion they wanted, chose a higher proportion of properties than 25%

3. Do you agree with use of home visits prior to offer?

Response	No.	%
Yes	575	81
No	78	11
Don't know	57	8
Total	710	100
Blank	9	

Comments

All groups had a majority in favour of home visits prior to offer. Of those that disagreed, there were concerns that home visits were intrusive and that problems with repairs could predate the tenancy or be outside the control of the tenant.

4. Do you agree we should use local connection in other areas of the city with severe shortages of family sized homes?

Response	No.	%
Yes	452	64
No	169	24
Don't know	85	12
Total	706	100
	13	

Comments

Around two thirds of respondents were in favour of this proposal across the equality groups. Those who disagreed with the policy felt that it would restrict the choice of applicants with no local connection who may have an urgent housing need or aspire to move to a higher demand area.

5. Do you agree that we replace the existing age restrictions with the groups listed below?

Response	No.	No response	% in favour (719 responses)
Moves for under occupiers	420	299	58
Tenancy checks / home visits	412	307	57
Employment	312	407	43
Pre tenancy training	241	478	34
None of these	92	627	13
Other	61	658	8

Comments

Response to this to date has been fairly mixed. Moves for under occupiers and tenancy checks/home visits were favoured by the majority of respondents. Many respondents expressed concern about age LLPs being removed.

Equality information from respondents to Talking Point consultation

1. Are you completing this survey on behalf of an organisation?

Response	No.	%
Yes	6	1
No	572	99
Total	578	100
Blank	141	

2. What is your current housing situation?

Response	No.	%
LCC tenant	286	49
Housing association tenant	39	7
LA / HA outside Leeds	8	1
Homeless / NFA	30	5
Home owner	38	7
LCC leaseholder	5	1
Friends / family / lodger	43	7
Private rented	15	3
Other	114	20
Total	578	100
Blank	141	

3. Do you have an active Leeds Homes Register housing application?

Response	No.	%
Yes	449	78
No	118	20
Don't know	10	2
Total	577	100
Blank	142	

4. What is your gender?

Response	No.	%
Female	391	68
Male	173	30
Prefer not to say	15	3
Total	579	100
Blank	140	

5. How old are you?

Response	No.	%
16-19 years	6	1
20-29 years	119	21
30-39 years	154	27
40-49 years	118	20
50-59 years	98	17
60-69 years	56	10
70-79 years	21	4
80+ years	4	1
Prefer not to say	3	1
Total	579	100
Blank	140	

6. What is your ethnicity

Response	No.	%
White	450	78
Asian	13	2
Black	42	7
Mixed ethnicity	32	6
Other	6	1
Prefer not to say	36	6
Total	579	100
Blank	135	

7. Do you consider yourself to be disabled or have a long standing impairment?

Response	No.	%
Yes	124	22
No	412	72
Prefer not to say	38	7
Total	574	100
Blank	145	

8. What type of impairment do you have? Please tick all that apply.

Response	No.
Learning disability	7
Long term illness or health condition	56
Mental health condition	54
Physical impairment	45
Sensory impairment	10
Prefer not to say	15
Total (contains multiple responses)	187

9. What is your sexual orientation?

Response	No.	%
Heterosexual	493	87
Gay man	16	3
Lesbian / gay woman	4	1
Bisexual	4	1
Prefer not to say	51	9
Total	568	100
Blank	151	

10. What is your faith or religion?

Response	No.	%
Buddhist	2	0
Christian	262	46
Hindu	1	0
Jewish	1	0
Muslim	28	5
Sikh	0	0
No religion	209	37
Other	24	4
Prefer not to say	45	8
Total	572	100
Blank	147	

11. What is your postcode

Response	No.	%
BD3	1	0
LS1	0	0
LS2	2	0
LS3	0	0
LS4	4	1
LS5	6	1
LS6	9	2
LS7	22	4
LS8	32	6
LS9	54	11
LS10	43	9
LS11	42	8
LS12	37	7
LS13	31	6
LS14	34	7
LS15	16	3
LS16	19	4
LS17	19	4
LS18	6	1
LS19	7	1
LS20	1	0

LS21	6	1
LS22	1	0
LS23	1	0
LS24	0	0
LS25	11	2
LS26	15	3
LS27	19	4
LS28	17	3
LS29	0	0
WF3	5	1
WF10	1	0
Outside Leeds	15	3
n/a	19	4
Total	495	100
Blanks	224	