

## We want your views on how we let our homes

Housing Leeds manages approximately 57,000 tenancies and makes between 4,500 - 5,000 lettings every year.

1. We are proposing to create a separate **tenant transfer policy** which would allow the council to offer a proportion of available homes to council tenants ahead of other applicants.

This would reward tenants with good tenancy records, help tenants who need to move home and free up council homes for other customers. Do you agree with the proposal to create a separate tenant transfer policy?

2. If we introduce a **tenant transfer quota**, what proportion of properties should be advertised for council tenants?
3. We are proposing that applicants may have a **home visit** before being offered a home. We will check people are paying their rent and looking after their home. Do you agree with the use of home visits?
4. Currently we allocate some family sized homes by giving preference to customers with a **local connection** to the council Ward area. These are in areas with few family homes becoming available, high demand and lack of affordable housing in neighbouring areas. Do you agree we should use local connection in other areas of the city with severe shortages of family sized homes?

5. We currently have a number of **local lettings policies** on flats which give preference to applicants over a certain age eg 40 years and over. Housing Leeds is proposing to reduce the number of these policies over the next 3 years.

Please note this question is about the overall approach to age restrictions. Any changes to existing local lettings policies will be subject to local consultation.

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

Please tick all that apply:

Home visits / tenancy checks ☐

Pre-tenancy training where prospective tenants have to attend sessions covering how to manage a council tenancy ☐

Preference to under occupiers where their move will free up a house for another family ☐

Preference to people in employment ☐

None of the groups listed above ☐

Other groups ☐ - please state: \_\_\_\_\_

You can let us have your comments by completing our survey at [www.leeds.gov.uk/LPR2016](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/LPR2016). The closing date is 19 June 2016.

Your opinions will be taken into account when the revised lettings policy is drawn up.

The final version of the policy will be considered by the council's Executive Board later in the year.

Check the [Housing Leeds Facebook page](#) for further updates and details of consultation events. Details about the changes will be available on the council's website and in the Leeds Homes property flyer and website.