

## **Appendix 1 – Proposed changes to DHC Policy**

**Proposal 1:** That applicants who are lacking 2 bedrooms be allowed to bid for homes 1 bedroom larger than their current home.

**Proposal 2:** That a new question is added to Section 1 of the application form (Housing need criteria), and a corresponding indicator or banding on the application to identify applicants who are interested in Rent to Buy or Build to Rent properties.

**Proposal 3:** That 4 and 5 bedroom homes are advertised using the maximum number of occupants as a restriction rather than the bedroom need.

**Proposal 4:** That Band C for 'Children under 8 above the third floor' is not awarded in blocks of flats where improvement works have been carried out, including windows fitted with restrictors, which would mean that the flats would be suitable for households with children under 8.

**Proposal 5:** That we allow some priority for members of household left in use & occupation after death of tenant and cannot succeed tenancy.

**Proposal 6:** That we review the current policy around the registering, banding and letting of properties to applicants who have rent arrears or have had rent arrears included in a DRO or bankruptcy.

**Proposal 7:** That paragraph 3.5.3.1 of the policy (Band B for severe overcrowding) be amended to refer to 2 people lacking a bedroom rather than 2 children).

**Proposal 8:** That the reference to Category 1 hazards in the Band B reason for severe overcrowding be amended so that it is not a blanket award of Band B