

## Appendix 1 - Consultation on a Draft Access to Social Housing Policy

Method	Description
Local Members	Consultation via further member's seminars and consultation through the political process.
Staff Focus Group	Sessions held with staff of council and housing associations.
AM's / MP's	Letters ,questionnaire copy of the draft policy will be sent to AMs/MPs.
Tenant Networks	Sessions held with all tenant networks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A&amp;G</li> <li>➤ Llanelli</li> <li>➤ TTT</li> </ul>
Stakeholders	Discussions will be held at the Homeless Forum. Homeless Forum group included: The Wallich, Shelter Cymru, NHS, Gwalia Care and Support, Leaving Care team, Hafan Cymru, Prison Service, Careers, Hywel Dda, Christians Against Poverty, Probation, Llety, Foundation Housing, Mental Health Team, Tai Cantref, CAB, Red Cross
Community/Town Councils	E-mails with attachments will be sent to all with e-mail addresses and letters sent to the remainder informing them of the internet link to look at documents and provide feedback.
Groups through the Equalities Impact Assessment	Contact made to all the groups listed below with a link to the proposed new policy and an opportunity for feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ CAVS – multicultural network in Llanelli</li> <li>➤ The Carmarthenshire Disability Coalition</li> <li>➤ Welsh Language</li> <li>➤ Older People (over 50)</li> <li>➤ Younger People</li> <li>➤ Stonewall – housing and LGB issues</li> </ul>
Facebook	Notice posted on the wall which links to the Carmarthenshire website.
Website	Policy and questionnaire posted on the website under the consultations section which an electronic feedback survey.
Current applicants on the register	Text message sent to existing applicants on the housing register where there is a mobile number, directing them to the consultation page on the website.

Neighbouring Local Authorities	E-mail sent to the neighbouring authorities with copies of the proposed policy asking for any comments.
Shelter Cymru	Letter and copy of draft policy will be sent
Welsh Assembly	Letter and copy of draft policy will be sent
Ombudsman	Letter and copy of draft policy will be sent
Welsh Local Government Agency	Letter and copy of draft policy will be e-mailed.
Welsh Housing Notice Board	Article posted on the Welsh Housing Notice Board Forum pages.
Aelwyd Housing Association	Letter and copy of draft policy will be sent to the association.
Wales and West Housing Association	Letter and copy of draft policy will be sent to the association.
Pembrokeshire Housing Association	Letter and copy of draft policy will be sent to the association.
Legal Services Division	Discussion with Council Solicitors and expert legal opinions will be sought.
Press Release	Article placed in press informing public of the draft policy and ways of providing us with feedback.
Tai Pawb	Letter, questionnaire draft policy will be sent
Other Council Divisions	E-mail forwarded to Heads of Service and attached policy.
Landlords Forum	Link and documents forwarded to all landlords who form part of the forum.

**CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE –  
A FRAMEWORK FOR ACCESSING SOCIAL HOUSING**

The way social housing is allocated in Carmarthenshire is outlined in our Access to Social Housing policy (commonly known as ‘The Allocations Policy’). We operate a common approach with other registered social landlords (Housing Associations) who operate within the county.

We are reviewing our approach and would like to hear your views on some possible changes to our existing policy. We would be grateful if you could help and complete the questionnaire below.

**LOCAL CONNECTION**

**1. We would like your views on if we should give priority to people who are resident to Carmarthenshire.**

1a. Do you agree on giving priority to those seeking housing who live or have a local connection to Carmarthenshire?

Yes.....

No.....

1b. If yes, should we set timescales in relation to residency, for example 3 years, 5 years or longer?

3 years .....

5years .....

Longer .....

**2. We would like your views on if we should give more priority to people who are resident in a particular area (ward).**

2a. For those seeking housing in a particular area (ward), should more priority be given to those with a local connection to that particular area (ward)?

Yes.....

No.....

2b. If yes, should we set timescales in relation to residency, for example 3 years, 5 years or longer?

3 years .....

5years .....

Longer .....

**3. We would like your views about giving priority to people who want to move to Carmarthenshire to work.**

Should we give priority to those who want to move to Carmarthenshire to work?

Yes.....

No.....

**4. We would like your views about giving priority to those who want to move to Carmarthenshire to care for an elderly relative.**

Should we give priority to those who want to move to care for an elderly relative?

Yes .....

No .....

**EXISTING TENANTS**

**1. We would like your views about giving priority to existing tenants who want to move because they are living in a property that is too large /small.**

Should we give priority to existing tenants who want to move because their property is either too large or too small for their household?

Yes.....

No.....

**WORKING FAMILIES**

**1. We would like your views about giving priority to people who work but are on a low income.**

Should we give more priority to people who work but are on a low income?

Yes.....

No.....

**OUR PRIORITIES**

**1. We would like your views about who we have given priority to within the policy.**

1a. What are your views on how the priorities have been set?

1b. Are there any other individuals or groups that should be given priority?

**NUMBER OF OFFERS**

**1. We would like your views about making one reasonable offer within a six month period.**

Do you feel that the one offer within a six month period is reasonable?

Yes.....

No.....

If no, how many offers would be reasonable?

2 .....

3 .....

## IEWS AND COMMENTS

Do you have any other views or comments in relation to the possible changes to the policy?

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire, your views are extremely important to us**

