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<p>Eligibility Restrict eligibility to those living in the Lewes District for two years out of the past four, documentary proof required.</p>	<p>86% in favour questions raised about elderly relatives needing to move nearer family to facilitate care</p>	<p>Exceptions may be made for applicants over age 60 requiring sheltered accommodation</p> <p><u>Exemption for Forces candidates with active service who have a local connection with the Lewes District through family association</u></p>	<p>Urgent</p>	<p>Removes 465 from list Affects those who want to move to be near relatives – eg sheltered applicants</p>
<p>Exclusions Extend to include: Former LDC tenants who have been evicted for rent arrears</p> <p>Former tenants or members of their household have been evicted for Anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Applicants or members of their household have been convicted of drug dealing</p> <p><u>Applicants with a substantial amount of savings or capital</u></p>	<p>92.9% in favour</p> <p>“Reasons for arrears should be taken into account “</p>	<p>Extend exclusions as proposed</p> <p>Applicants who are refused have a right of appeal and any extenuating circumstances can be taken into account at that point</p> <p><u>“Substantial “ defined as in excess of £25,000</u></p>	<p>Urgent</p>	<p>Numbers minimal but individuals concerned have substantial impact</p>

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<p>Number of bedrooms : Revise to bedroom standard under Welfare Reform 1 bedroom =single person or couple</p> <p>Two bedroom= single parent or couple and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one child or additional adult or • two children either sex under 10 or • two children same sex under 16 <p>three bedroom= single parent or couple and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two children either sex one over 10 or • two children same sex one over 16 or • three children any age or • four children under 10 regardless of sex or • as two bedroom with additional adult 	<p>86% in favour</p> <p>Responders pointed out children reach puberty earlier and some felt 10 was too late</p> <p>Some bedrooms may be too small to put two children in even in bunk beds “have two girls under 16 who fight a lot about the space in their bedroom I feel I should not be penalise because I have two children of the same sex” “What if you cannot fit 2 kids in the second bedroom but the family can afford their full rent why can't they bid for a three bedroom</p>	<p>Conform with welfare reform. This is in line with other authorities in the East Sussex area.</p> <p>Families who are able to afford to pay full rent may have the option to use the private sector to access the size of accommodation they wish.</p> <p>No point in setting families up to fail</p>	<p>Very urgent</p>	<p>children of opposite sex will share a bedroom until age 10 not 7 children of same sex will not get own room until one reaches 16 Applicants requiring separate bedrooms for health reasons will not be entitled to (exception for pensioners?) Also exemption for children with disability where medical evidence states they are unable to share</p>

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<p>four bedroom = single parent or couple and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • five or more children any age/sex or as three bed with additional adult 				
<p>Refusing a property If applicants unreasonably refused two properties within 1 year should be suspended from bidding for 6 months</p>	<p>87% in favour “I am concerned that tenant may be “forced” into taking a property that is not fully suite to their needs” It is only when offered a property that one can assess if it is suitable for one’s needs, especially if having a disability</p>	<p>Two unreasonable refusals to lead to suspension for six months. Exemption for applicants who are registered disabled, requiring a specific type of property</p>	<p>Urgent</p>	<p>Applicant will hopefully understand they may be offered any property they bid on. Requires accurate description of properties to be effective</p>

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<p>Reasons for banding Retain current banding reasons with amendment: Applicants lacking two or more bedrooms are automatically banded a Amend to 'Households in permanent accommodation lacking two or more bedrooms'</p>	<p>91% in agreement Many commented that only Band A would be housed Applicant with two children in pushchairs who had to be carried up two flights of external stairs commented she was a band D and unable to move "I have been a Band B now for 16 months my condition is deteriorating it take me 20 minute to climb one set of stair I have also fallen a number of times"</p>	<p>Amend Band A to include applicants lacking two bedrooms in permanent accommodation only</p>	<p>Urgent</p>	<p>Removes the priority of households who have moved in with relatives and discourages this</p>
<p>Priority for Medical reasons : as assessed current 4 categories into 4 categories: Band A – overriding medical priority (need special equipment/nursing) Band B – Very High /High Medical Priority (move improves serious health condition substantially) Band C Medium/low Medical</p>	<p>75 % were in favour of this change and it raised the largest number of objections, particularly with the idea of medical conditions being assessed by non medical staff.</p>	<p>It is proposed that the assessments are undertaken by the Special Needs Housing Officer (who has a medical qualification). Any review by an external agency will be strictly at the applicant's expense. It is also proposed that only one</p>	<p>Fairly urgent to save administration costs</p>	<p>Cost saving</p>

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<p>Priority –(move improves moderately serious health condition substantially) None – No medical Priority –(no evidence of a health condition which will be improved by housing.) All assessed at cost £10 each. Reassessment may be charged for. Appeals to Independent advisor cost £35</p> <p>Amend to very urgent as member of household is unable to access part or all of the accommodation – Band A – and no priority – everyone else – 2 categories only.</p>		<p>member of the family can submit a medical form and the case is assessed on their needs only, to prevent the constant submitting of forms on behalf of each individual in the family, to try and leapfrog up the list</p>		