

# NORTH VIEW Housing Association

North View is a registered Scottish charity – charity registration number SC032963

## POLICY

### ALLOCATIONS - ASPIRATIONAL

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#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 One of North View's aims is to help sustain the local community. The implementation of this policy will help achieve this by increasing the housing options for North View tenants. This in turn will help make the community more stable.
- 1.2 North View is aware that some of its tenants may wish to move to another similar sized property in the area despite having no obvious housing need for such a move.
- 1.3 In recognition of this demand – and the fact that the majority of stock is tenemental – the Association will support its tenants by establishing and maintaining an 'Aspirational Housing List' and will annually let a proportion of its houses to this category of applicant.
- 1.4 The target level of Aspirational lets to be made each year will be described in the Association's annual lettings plan approved by either the Management Committee or Housing Management Sub Committee. Given that the Association has a legal obligation to give "reasonable preference" to applicants with certain types of housing need, the target for Aspirational lets will be set at a low level in relation to the overall anticipated number of lets per year. In this way, the Association will let the majority of its houses to applicants with high levels of housing need, while still being responsive to the reasonable aspirations of existing tenants to move to a different area/ type of house.

#### 2.0 Qualifying Criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must meet the following criteria:-
  - They must be North View tenants;
  - They must have maintained their tenancy to the Association's satisfaction;
  - Have any liability which is outstanding but where the amount outstanding is not more than one twelfth of the annual amount payable (or which was payable) by the applicant to the landlord in respect of the tenancy or the applicant has agreed an arrangement with the landlord for paying the outstanding liability and has made an arrangement in accordance with that arrangement for at least three months and is continuing to make such payments.
  - The house they wish to move to must be suitable in relation to their households needs (for example in relation to the size of the property and any medical factors).



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#### 3.0 Process

- 3.1 The applicant will complete a Housing Application form.
- 3.2 As there will be no housing need, the application will attract a nil point award.
- 3.3 Applicants must indicate an interest for a particular street/house type at time of application.
- 3.4 There will be no limit to the number of offers made.
- 3.5 The property will be offered to the applicant whose application has been on the List for the longer (or longest) period of time.
- 3.6 The applicant can request an interview with a member of the Housing Management Team to review/ amend their property choices.

#### 4.0 Information

- 4.1 The Association will make information about the policy available to tenants by highlighting the policy in Newsletters and on an individual basis when providing verbal information to tenants in relation to opportunities for rehousing.

#### 5.0 Monitoring

- 5.1 The Management Committee/Housing Management Sub-Committee will be informed as to the number of lets made using this policy as this forms part of the information in the Lettings Plan.

**End**

#### **reviews and amendments**

16/8/03	-	Policy established
18/8/04	-	Policy reviewed and adopted
15/6/05	-	Policy amended in line with Allocations Policy 2.1
2/8/06	-	Policy reviewed and reworded
1/4/09	-	Policy amended and reviewed 1.4, 3.4, 3.7, 5.1



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