

***Delivering the Change We Need in  
Housing***

**A New Housing Strategy for  
Hammersmith & Fulham**

**H&F Advice Forum 21 Jan 2015**

**Consultation**



# 1. Housing Strategy Vision & Themes

*Our over-arching vision is to deliver more and better, well-managed affordable housing in mixed income, mixed tenure successful places.*

- Regenerating Places & Increasing Affordable Housing Supply
- Meeting Housing Need and Aspiration
- Excellent Housing Services for All

16 actions identified

## 2. Key Areas for Action – Part 1

- Establish a Residents Commission to consider options to take control over their homes
- Maximise delivery of affordable housing over the next 10 years
- Improve housing conditions in the private rented sector

## 3. Key Areas for Action – Part 2

- Revise the Housing Allocation Scheme
- Revise the position on fixed term tenancies
- Homelessness Prevention Action Plan
- Develop its approach to housing for older people and disabled people (including those with learning disabilities)
- Improving residents' advice and representation and improving resident involvement in housing management decision-making

# 4. Housing Allocation Scheme

- Requalify homeless households owed a homelessness duty who are in suitable long term temporary accommodation
- Relax overcrowding needs threshold from two bedrooms to one
- Relax needs thresholds for medical conditions
- Amend the Community Contribution Criteria
- Change the 5 year residency criteria

# 5. Homelessness Prevention

- Work with homeless charities, faith communities and homelessness prevention professionals to provide safe, warm accommodation for homeless individuals and homeless families
- Act to help people in danger of homelessness
- Take action to support homeless children are provided with suitable homes and support
- Make sure that young homeless people have safe accommodation and access to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked mentors who will support their wellbeing and help them back into education or employment

# 6. Timeline for Implementation

1. End Consultation process on Friday 27 February 2015
2. Evaluate Responses in March 2015
3. Cabinet Approval sought in mid May 2015
4. Implementation May 2015 onwards with Draft Housing Allocation Scheme later in 2015

Online Survey:

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# 7. For more information

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Housing Strategy Documents

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