



**HULL CITY COUNCIL
CHERRY HINTON COURT
SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME**

LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY

Housing Allocations - local lettings policy for Cherry Hinton Court **(Sheltered Housing Scheme)**

1. Background

Sheltered housing is for those who wish to live independently but with the added security of support staff.

Cherry Hinton Court is a sheltered housing scheme close to Priory Road in west Hull. The scheme contains 19 recently refurbished one bedroom flats over two storeys, with lift access to the first floor.

In order to ensure that those who will benefit from sheltered accommodation are allocated the flats in this scheme, a local lettings policy has been agreed.

2. Scope

This local lettings policy applies to all allocations at Cherry Hinton Court until:

- a decision to the contrary is made following a review of this policy, or,
- any change to the Council's Allocations Policy which amends the criteria for sheltered housing citywide and therefore supersedes this policy

3. Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants should be aged 55 or over and have long term low level support needs. Applications may be considered from younger adults with a physical or learning disability who have a long term low level support needs (see section 4 below).
2. Applicants must not have been guilty of any behaviour which would make them unsuitable to live in a housing scheme for vulnerable people (see section 5 below).

4. Care and support needs

In the context of sheltered housing, long term low level support needs means that you can live independently but you need a little extra input from a Sheltered Support Worker and access to a 24 hour lifeline service to give you the necessary security, reassurance or confidence to do so.

Each case will be considered on its merits taking into account the needs of the applicant, any care and support package they may have in place and the services the Sheltered Housing Team is able to provide.

Properties in this scheme may not be suitable for applicants with high level or complex care and support needs.

Where a decision is made not to make an offer due to the applicant either a) not having any support needs or b) having high or complex support needs, the applicant will be advised of their right of appeal. The appeal will be considered by an Officer more senior than the original decision maker who has had no previous involvement with the application for the scheme.

Where an applicant makes a successful appeal an offer of the next similar available property will be made (providing their housing need is still the same) under the 'similar alternative property' Direct Let category.

5. Behaviour

The council will carry out checks on applicants to ensure that there is no history of any behaviour which makes them unsuitable to live in a housing scheme with vulnerable people.

Where there has been such behaviour, an offer will not be made unless there is clear evidence of improvement in behaviour, to the satisfaction of the Housing Tenancy Manager (or equivalent).

Where a decision is made not to make an offer due to behaviour history the applicant will be advised of their right of appeal. The appeal will be considered by an Officer more senior than the original decision maker who has had no previous involvement with the application for the scheme.

Where an applicant makes a successful appeal an offer of the next similar available property will be made (providing their housing need is still the same) under the 'similar alternative property' Direct Let category.

6. Priority for the properties

Applicants will be prioritised in accordance with the council's Allocations Policy, subject to the eligibility criteria in this local lettings policy being met.