

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Local Lettings Policy for Council Owned Sheltered and Supported Housing

Sheltered and Supported Housing is accommodation which is designed or adapted to meet the needs of older people or those with a disability.

Sheltered housing provides homes in a group setting for applicants who can demonstrate that they would benefit from the on-site services and facilities at the scheme. Supported housing requires applicants to have an eligible need¹ for personal care and support with daily living tasks. Further detail is provided later in this document.

Although these homes are mostly let to occupants over the age of 60 the Council will allocate properties to younger people (over 18) if they would benefit from the on-site services and facilities available.

Properties are arranged in clusters (schemes) across East Riding of Yorkshire and it is the Council's intention that over time wherever possible, individual homes will have adapted bathrooms and assistive technology, and sheltered and supported schemes will have communal lounges and be accessible for people with mobility issues.

Tenants living in sheltered and supported housing schemes are required to sign up to at least the Bronze service of the Lifeline Telecare packages (see www.eastriding.gov.uk).

The **key advantages of sheltered and supported housing** are:

- A supportive and safe environment with a dedicated Housing Officer;
- Independent living, with the peace of mind that help will be on hand if and when needed from a Welfare Support Worker;
- An easier to manage home where residents can 'age in place' with the latest assistive technology;
- Companionship and the opportunity to join in with social activities taking place in the communal lounge which may also be open to the wider community;
- Properties can accommodate a range of care delivery.

¹ Eligible need for personal care and support with daily living tasks identified by an Adult Care and Support Assessment as determined in the Care Act 2014

Location of Sheltered Housing Schemes

Anlaby/ Willerby/ Kirk Ella	Moat Hill (flats)	49
Bridlington	Chantry Court (flats)	36
Beverley	The Cloisters (flats & bungalows)	38
Cottingham	Southfield Court (flats & bungalows)	44
Driffield	Deira Court (flats & bungalows)	46
Goole	Ilkeston Avenue (flats & bungalows)	35
Hessle	Fenby Court (flats & bungalows)	30
Hornsea	Pybus Court (flats)	18
Market Weighton	Scotts Croft (bungalows)	25
Preston	Helms Avenue (bungalows & 1 x flat)	15
	Station Road (bungalows)	11
	Marshall Avenue (bungalows)	11
Pocklington	Scaife Garth (flats & bungalows)	58
Stamford Bridge	Dales Walk (bungalows)	13
	Kings Garth (bungalows)	22
Withernsea	Kirkfield Road (bungalows)	92
	The Close (bungalows)	24

Location of Supported* Housing Schemes

*In supported housing, the long term aim is for all schemes to provide care and support on site where there is sufficient need identified by Adult Services. Currently on site provision is limited to Rita Hunt Court and Chariot House as indicated in the table below.

Beverley	Rita Hunt Court (flats)	Extra Care scheme with care and support on site. See separate Local Lettings Policy	40
Bridlington	Matson Court (flats)		46
Brough	Chariot House, The Oval (flats)	Learning Disability scheme with care and support on site. See separate Local Lettings Policy	4
Hornsea	Meregarth (flats)		20
Pocklington	Wold Garth (bungalows)		20

Allocation Criteria for Sheltered or Supported Housing

Requirements for both sheltered and supported housing

Applicants must be registered on the Council's housing register.

In most cases, they will be households without children (unless, for example, they have a disabled adult child). Although usually over 60, younger people may apply where they are considered suitable and the scheme would meet their particular needs.

Allocations will be made from the Council's housing waiting list in accordance with the priority Bandings within the Allocations scheme.

Applicants with a local connection will have priority over those without.

For **sheltered housing**, applicants will be able to register their interest by ticking a box on the housing application form. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they would benefit from the on-site services and facilities at the scheme eg to counter loneliness or isolation. In most cases this will be confirmed by a Housing Officer following a home visit at offer stage.

Where no suitable applicants for sheltered housing can be identified from the Housing Register, the Council may make an offer to applicants on the register who have not yet expressed an interest in sheltered housing provided they meet the requirements above.

If there are still no suitable applicants the Council may advertise the vacancy to households who meet the requirements for the scheme in accordance with its hard to let void procedure.

For **Supported housing**, where the long term aim is for care and support to be provided on site, applicants must have an eligible need² for personal care and support with daily living tasks identified by an Adult Care and Support Assessment.³ They will be able to tick a box on the housing application form to confirm this, and Housing Services will verify with Adult Social Care colleagues that this is the case.

In exceptional cases where an applicant on the Register is in receipt of care provided by family/friends/privately and a formal Adult Care and Support Assessment has not been carried out, the Area Principal Housing Management Officer will have discretion to make an offer of accommodation provided they meet the other requirements of the scheme.

² Eligible need for personal care and support with daily living tasks identified by an Adult Care and Support Assessment as determined in the Care Act 2014

³ Identified by any English local authority

Where no suitable applicants for supported housing can be identified from the Housing Register, properties may be offered to households without an eligible need provided they can demonstrate that they meet the other requirements for the scheme.

If there are still no suitable applicants, the Council may advertise the vacancy to households who meet the requirements for the scheme in accordance with its hard to let void procedure.

NB. Some supported housing schemes have a separate Local Lettings Policy as indicated in the green table above.

General needs flats for Older People

One of the outcomes of the sheltered housing review is that some sheltered stock has been re-designated as general needs accommodation. For bungalows the provisions of clause 19.2 of the Allocation Scheme apply.⁴

Newly re-designated flats for older people are listed below:

Parish	Schemes	No of units
Leven	Mill Drive (flats)	4
	The Close (flats)	5
Welton	Chapel Hill (flats)	8
	Ingmires (flats)	6
	Springfield Close (flats)	16
	St Helens Flats	8

Although priority for these flats will still be given to applicants over 60 (with no requirement for a support need to be identified), where no suitable applicants can be identified from the Housing Register, the Council may make an offer to applicants on the register who are below 60.

If there are still no suitable applicants the Council may advertise the vacancy in accordance with its hard to let void procedure.

⁴ The following section of the Local Lettings Policy will be subsumed into the Allocations Scheme at the next review.