

Summary of Changes

Comparison of previous 2017 and new 2023 Allocation Schemes

		2023 Band 1			
2017 Priority	Points	2023 Priority	Points	Section	Significant Change? (Other than adding to a band)
Exceptional priority	2000	Exceptional priority	2000	10	No
Emergency health and independence	2000	Emergency health and independence	2000	15	No
At serious risk of harm	1900	Serious risk to welfare	1900	11	No – Name change.
		Grenfell Settled Homes	1500	12	Yes – Now explicitly referred to in the Scheme.
		2023 Band 2			
2017 Priority	Points	2023 Priority	Points	Section	Significant Change? (Other than adding to a band)
Vacating homes (Includes under occupation and Mobility transfer)	700	Under occupation downsizing	1000 to 1300	13	Yes – Increase in points from 700 to 1000 minimum. The minimum increases for each bedroom relinquished: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 = 1000 points • 2 = 1100 points • 3 = 1200 points • 4+ = 1300 points Under occupation now has its own category. Key to the new chain lets approach.
		Accessible home hand back	1000	14	Yes – Increase in points from 700 to 1000. Freeing up accessible homes now has its own category.
Supporting health and independence	900	Health and independence	900	15	No – Name change.
		Wider Grenfell	900	16	Yes – Now explicitly referred to within the Scheme.
Supporting adoption and fostering	700	Helping adoption and fostering	700	17	No – Name change and will have a specific quota of lets.
Redevelopment of homes	900	Redevelopment of homes	700	18	Yes – Reduction in points from 900 to 700.

2023 Band 3

2017 Priority	Points	2023 Priority	Points	Section	Significant Change? (Other than adding to a band)
		Choosing PRS	200	20.6	Yes – New category providing a high priority for homeless households who move to the private rented sector (PRS) rather than temporary accommodation (TA).
Overcrowding	200	Overcrowding	200	19	No – One of the key issues residents fed back during early engagement and the 1st consultation was overcrowding. We have decided not to adopt a more generous approach because of huge pressures on the shortage of family-sized homes. We intend to increase the number of available larger homes by focusing on downsizing under occupiers and through the chain lets approach.
Contractual Duties	200			n/a	Yes – Removed as a main priority category. These moves will now fall under ‘special dispensation’ policies as there are very few caretakers or similar in tied accommodation left to rehouse.
Move-on priority	100	Independent living	100	21	No – name change. We will be providing greater clarity to qualifying residents. Quotas will provide explicit pathways, for example, Care Leavers, adults with learning disabilities or autism.
Homeless duty	100	Main homelessness duty	100	20.4	No – name change.

2023 Band 4

2017 Priority	Points	2023 Priority	Points	Section	Significant Change? (Other than adding to a band)
Homeless	10	Homelessness	10	20.10	Yes – Name change, and the qualification of Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 prevention and relief duty applicants now made explicit.
Locality hardship	10	K&C priority	10	22	No – Explicitly includes the ‘Right to Move’ (Government guidance).
Sheltered	0	Older persons’ housing	0	30.2	No – Name change. Older residents can apply for older person’s housing with 0 points if the other Scheme qualification requirements are met.

Additional Priority Categories

(awarded only if a resident is awarded a main points category)

		Waiting points	10 each year	23	Yes – More explicit and transparent way of recognising waiting than priority date alone. Applied to all applications on the applicant’s anniversary of joining the Housing Register.
Armed forces	50	Armed forces	50	24	No
Paid work	50	Paid work	50	25	Yes – Discontinued for new applications. Residents with paid work points under the old Scheme will retain them.
		Succession	50	27	Yes – New category providing an additional priority for households who succeed to an unsuitable property.