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Dear Councillor Napper

With reference to the question asked at yesterday's council meeting with I was unfortunately unable to attend. Please find below a written response:-

“Will R.M.B.C. look at its Council Housing’s Letting Policy with a view to giving priority to Rotherham families as some of these residents have been on the waiting list for fourteen years?”

Rotherham’s Housing Allocation Policy already prioritises letting council and housing association homes to Rotherham families as it has a Local Connection Criteria.

All applicants over the age of 16 seeking accommodation through Key Choices Letting Scheme must provide evidence that they have a local connection to Rotherham for a minimum of 3 years up to and including the date of application.

A person has a local connection where:

- They have lived for the last 3 years in Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council’s geographical boundary through their own choice.
- They are currently employed in Rotherham and have been for the last 3 years
- They have direct family who live in Rotherham and they have done so for the last three years. Direct family members include husbands, wives, civil partners, parents, sons, daughters, brother and sisters.

The applicant will be requested to provide proof of local connection

There are exceptions to this policy relating to members and former members of the Armed Forces, the Council statutory duties relating to homelessness and safeguarding families fleeing domestic violence and witness protection.

If individual applicants are concerned at the length of time it is taking to be rehoused please forward their details and contact will be made to provide them with advice on their application.

I hope that the information provided will adequately address your question. However, should you require any further information please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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