

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK REGARDING THE USE OF FIXED TERM TENANCIES IN ROTHERHAM

Commitments one and two of the draft Housing Strategy prompted responses around Rotherham’s council housing;

- Commitment one; we will deliver council housing which meets people’s needs
- Commitment two; we will increase and improve the supply of affordable rented housing in Rotherham

The following feedback was received, on commitments one and two, during the face-to-face consultation events;

- People want to see housing that better meets the need
- They want to see better understanding of what people want and where
- Need to consider specific need i.e. disability, single people, age – esp elderly (bungalows, retirement village, one bed properties)
- Urgent work needed to address under occupation – review allocations / tenancy agreements to prepare for this longer term – incentivising and support packages available
- Scope to have some flexible accommodation which can be used to help relieve bed blocking/temporary accommodation/interim to reduce under occupation
- Help people understand how and why council housing is allocated
- Reviewing existing tenants to tackle under occupation
- Be consistent

The 14 question on-line questionnaire was available on-line from June to September and was completed by 51 people and elected members were sent a questionnaire on 25 October 2012 with a deadline of 1 November 2012. Results and comments include:

Do you agree or disagree that RMBC should consider the use of flexible tenancies as well as lifetime ones?	Strongly agree = 18% Agree = 39% Disagree = 24% Strongly disagree = 20%
Do you think flexible tenancies will:	Create good estates = 25% Make estates less friendly = 25% Make no difference = 40% Other = 6%
In which of the following do you think it would be ok to ask the tenant of a flexible tenancy to leave their home?	A household whose circumstances have improved (such as finding work) = 15% A household whose children have left home and are living in a property which is bigger than they need = 61% Other = 12%

SUMMARY OF HOUSING STRATGY CONSULTATION PROGRAMME

Group/ event	Date	Information captured
RotherFed	11/06/12	Word doc – general questions and comments captured
Members seminar	10/07/12	Spreadsheet
Area Assembly Chairs meeting	18/06/12	Minutes
Wentworth North AA	09/07/12	Spreadsheet
Rother Valley South AA	30/07/12	Spreadsheet
Rother Valley West AA	09/07/12	Spreadsheet
Wentworth South AA	N/A	None returned
Rotherham North and Rotherham South AA combined focus group	16/07/12	Word doc
Wentworth Valley AA	24/07/12	Word doc
Private sector landlords forum	25/06/12	Word doc and email
Deaf Futures Group	16/08/12	Word doc
Learning from customers group	09/08/12	Word doc
Quality and Standards challenge group	10/07/12	Spreadsheet
Strategic housing partnership	18/07/12	Typed notes/minutes
RP and developer combined forum	26/07/12	Zahara
Housing forum	24/07/12	Word doc with comments/ minutes
Housing strategy questionnaire – online	N/A	Report
Housing strategy questionnaire – hard copies received	N/A	Spreadsheet
Emails to strategic housing inbox	N/A	Spreadsheet and captured on 'misc notes and issues to include'
Other feedback received internally	N/A	Captured on 'misc notes and issues to include'
11 th July public event	11/07/12	Word doc
16 th August public event	16/08/12	Word doc
Supporting People providers forum	22/08/12	Notes typed and saved
Miscellaneous notes and issues	N/A	Word doc saved in feedback folder
Fixed term tenancies: On-line questionnaire	N/A	Word doc
Member questionnaire	25/10/12 – 01/11/12	Word doc