

Appendix 1: Summary of benchmarking across the sub-region

	Berneslai Homes Barnsley	Sheffield City Council	St Leger Homes Doncaster
Numbers on housing register	7,742	78,846	12,054
Have you completed your lettings policy review	Yes	No – ongoing	No – ongoing
Are you planning to give higher priority to members of the armed forces	Yes	Yes	Yes
Qualification criteria – are you planning to introduce restrictions on any of the following groups:			
People without a local connection (some exceptions)	Possibly	Lowest band	Yes 2 years
People who are not in housing need	Possibly	Yes	No
People with equity/savings/income over a certain threshold	Possibly	Possibly	Low Band
Owner occupiers	Possibly	Must have exchanged contracts prior to offer	Yes if not in housing need
People with arrears and other debts to the Council	Possibly	Yes	Yes
People with a history of ASB/other behaviour grounds	Possibly	Yes	Yes
Other		Unmet support Needs	
Policy on Transferring tenants			
Do tenants have a tenancy inspection prior to registering a housing application or a move	No	No	Yes
Do you have restrictions on new tenants registering an application (eg within first year of tenancy)	Yes	Yes within 2 years.	Yes
Do you follow local housing Allowance guidance for your bedroom requirements, i.e. 2 children of same gender share until 16 years old, own bedroom at 16 etc.	No more generous	Yes	Yes
Do you give extra bedroom priority for access to children	Yes	No	Yes
Do you have penalties for people who refuse reasonable offers? Eg drop a band, remove priority, suspend from bidding, reset date of application.	Yes	Yes Downgrade band/suspend	Suspend
Do you give/plan to give priority to tenants affected by under occupation housing benefit measure	To be implemented	Yes	Operate separate transfer list
Do you give additional preference to customers in employment	No	No	No
Do you allow rehousing of households with children in high rise flats.	No but do award priority to applicants with children at height (5 th floor max)	Not for children under 16	Yes
Are you planning any other changes to your lettings policy or CBL lettings scheme			Foster carers, fixed term tenancies to 4 bed houses linked to age of youngest child and adapted properties and OT assessed.