

Targeted Letting Policy – New Build Hartlepool Borough Council

PROPERTIES COVERED BY POLICY

- All new build properties built or purchased by believe housing (or previously, County Durham Housing Group). For first lets and all subsequent lets for the first five years.

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Prioritisation will be in accordance with the Hartlepool Home Search scheme. Carry out a home visit (where appropriate) with the proposed tenant prior to a formal offer being made

- Not consider any applicant with any records of ASB in the last 6 years, or any open cases of ASB being investigated at the point of offer or if the applicant(s) hold any relevant unspent convictions*
- Expect that applicants will have a clear rent account, including other charges such as recharges or FTA, for 12 months leading up to the formal offer being made (the Lettings Manager, believe housing, will have final determination of any exceptional cases)

**Unspent Convictions*

- They have been convicted of a drug-related offence
- They have been convicted of a violent criminal offence that we consider makes them a threat to the local community
- They have been convicted of a sex-related offence that we consider makes them a threat to the local community
- They have any other conviction which, in our opinion, makes them a threat to the local community

EFFECTIVE DATE

- June 2026



REVIEW DATE

This will be reviewed annually from commencement of policy to monitor the outcomes of the LLP to inform any future LLPs