

Appendix 3 – Indicative Banding Scheme

Band A – Emergency/ Top Priority	
Urgents	Any applicant awarded an urgent category by the ECP Panel ('life and limb' cases; exceptional cases, multiple composite need cases, 'place of safety' homeless cases)
Temporary Decants	Any tenant application to whom the Allocations Manager awards a temporary decant category (where refurbishment or repair work is required and ready to go on-site, and which cannot be done with a tenant in situ)
Permanent Decants	Any tenant application to whom the Allocations Manager awards a permanent decant category (where property is to be disposed of, and tenants require rehousing, or have been given the option of not returning)
Succession Cases	Any tenant application to whom an Estate Manager awards a succession category, where a person has the right to succeed to a tenancy, by law or policy, but the accommodation afforded would exceed their requirements

Band B – Urgent Priority	
Commitment to Rehouse	Any new application from a previous tenant to whom the ECP Panel gave a 'commitment to rehouse' as they surrendered a tenancy, and where the Allocations Manager awards this category to their new application
Under Occupation Scheme	Any application from an under-occupying tenant that is eligible for the REMs scheme as they agree to downsize from family accommodation into a smaller property
Move on Scheme	Any application from a person awarded a Move-on category and who has been referred through the move-on scheme protocols from move-on projects
Health – Urgent Award	Any applicants awarded an urgent/ maximum priority health award by the HAHA panel on the recommendation of a health professional through the health and housing assessment protocols
ECP – Priority Award	Any applicant awarded a priority award (formerly X award) by the ECP Panel (serious harassment cases, exceptional cases, multiple composite need cases not otherwise addressed through the banding system)
Statutorily Overcrowded	Any tenant application from a household that has been deemed statutorily overcrowded in their current accommodation
Homeless Applicants -under notice	Applicants to whom the Council has accepted a statutory homeless duty and placed in settled temporary accommodation who are then required to leave that accommodation by the landlord through no fault of their own
Compound Needs	Any applicant who meets more than one category in Band C

Band C – High Priority	
Statutory Homeless in temp accommodation	Applicants to whom the Council has accepted a statutory homeless duty and placed in temporary accommodation
Home Choice Applicants	Applicants to whom the Council could have considered accepting a statutory homeless duty to, but whom instead agreed to move into private sector accommodation through the home choice scheme
Under-occupying tenants	Any tenant applicant who is living in accommodation larger than their housing requirements and who wishes to move to smaller accommodation that is not eligible for the REMs under-occupation scheme
ECP – Considerable Award	Any applicant awarded a considerable priority award (formerly a B or C award) by the ECP Panel (harassment cases, exceptional cases, multiple composite need cases not otherwise addressed through the scheme)
Overcrowded – 2+ rooms short	Applicants that are two or more bedrooms short of their accommodation requirements
Lacking Facilities	Applicants that lack a bath/ shower, a toilet, cooking facilities, running hot water supplies, electric/gas, or adequate heating
Unsatisfactory Housing	Applicants living in accommodation that has been deemed unfit or in serious disrepair by Environmental Health

Compound Needs	Any applicant who meets more than one category in Band D
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Band D – Priority	
Homeless (Non Statutory)	Applicants who are deemed to be homeless, but to whom the Council has not accepted a homeless duty
Health – Considerable Award	Any applicants awarded a considerable priority health award by the HAH panel on the recommendation of a health professional through the health and housing assessment protocols
Overcrowded – 1 room short	Applicants that are one bedroom short of their accommodation requirements
Sex Overcrowding	Applicants that have two or more people of the opposite sex, with one over ten years of age, sharing one bedroom
Lacking Facilities	Applicants that lack a living room, a kitchen, a bathroom, or an inside toilet
Unsatisfactory Housing	Applicants living in accommodation that has been deemed to be in considerable disrepair by Environmental Health or Applicants presently living in caravans, mobile homes, houseboats, or other unsuitable accommodation
Welfare Grounds	Applicants (or a member of their household) who require settled accommodation due to vulnerabilities, or Applicants (or a member of their household) who need to move to a particular locality (where failure to do so would cause hardship to themselves or others, e.g. to give or receive care), as assessed by the Council
Separated Families	Families with children who are forced to live separately due to their current housing

Band E – Identified Housing Need	
Personal Circumstances	Children (aged under 14) living above the first floor without a lift, or without access to a garden or play area
Insecure Accommodation	Applicants who are under notice or court order to leave their current accommodation, or who have no security of tenure in their current accommodation
Unsatisfactory Housing	Applicants living in accommodation that has been deemed to be in minor disrepair by Environmental Health
Health – Minor Award	Any applicants awarded a 'minor' health award by the HAH panel on the recommendation of a health professional through the health and housing assessment protocols
ECP – Special Award	Any applicant awarded a special priority award (formerly a S award) by the ECP Panel (perceived harassment cases, exceptional cases)
Shared Facilities	Applicants who share a kitchen, bathroom, toilet, or living room with more than 4 others who are not members of their household

Band F – No Priority	
No Local Connection	Applicants with no local connection to Oxford, unless there are exceptional reasons to do otherwise
No Priority	Applicants who do not fall into the above bands