**Appendix I: A summary of Housing Need Priority Bands**

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| **Band 1** | **Exceptional Housing Need** |
| 1.1 | Applicants assessed as having Exceptional circumstances, where there is an immediate risk to health and safety, complex needs, "place of safety" cases or other emergency needs |
| 1.2 | Council or other ORAH partner tenants under-occupying their home by two or more bedrooms seeking to downsize to a smaller property or move to a sheltered scheme |
| 1.3 | Council or other ORAH partner tenants requiring a Decant and other housing management moves |
| 1.4 | Successor tenants who need to move to a more suitable property |
| 1.5 | Housing applicants where a Prohibition/demolition notice has been issued by the Environmental Health department |
| 1.6 | Households where the level of overcrowding exceeds the statutory limit |
| **Band 2** | **Urgent Housing Need** |
| 2.1 | Housing applicants assessed as having “urgent social or welfare needs” |
| 2.2 | Housing applicants assessed as having “urgent health or disability needs” |
| 2.3 | Council or ORAH tenants under-occupying their home by one bedroom seeking to downsize to a smaller property or move to a sheltered scheme |
| 2.4 | Applicants who have been assessed as ready to move on from supported accommodation (quota arrangements are in place due to the lack of properties) |
| 2.5 | Overcrowded families assessed as being 2 or more bedrooms short of their housing needs |
| 2.6 | Any applicant with two or more compoundable categories in Band 3 |
| **Band 3** | **Significant Housing Need** |
| 3.1 | Applicants found to be homeless, in a priority need group and a duty to offer housing has been accepted (not compoundable) and may be offered private rented accommodation by the Housing Options Team instead of social housing |
| 3.2 | Housing Applicants assessed as having “significant social or welfare needs” |
| 3.3 | Housing applicants assessed as having “significant health or disability needs” |
| 3.4 | Applicants assessed as living in sub-standard unsatisfactory housing: Category Level 1 Health Hazard (normally confirmed by Environmental Development) |
| 3.5 | Overcrowded families or households assessed as being one bedroom short of their housing needs |
| 3.6 | Insecure tied accommodation where the loss of the accommodation is through no fault of the housing applicant |
| 3.7 | Insecure private rented accommodation where the loss of the accommodation is through no fault of the housing applicant |
| 3.8 | Any applicant who qualifies for at least two compoundable categories in Band 4 |
| **Band 4** | **Moderate Housing Need** |
| 4.1 | Housing applicants assessed as having “moderate social or welfare needs” |
| 4.2 | Housing applicants assessed as having “moderate health or disability needs” |
| 4.3 | Housing applicants who are homeless and not in a priority group, sofa surfers, no fixed abode or in supported "move on" accommodation (not compoundable) |
| 4.4 | Applicants assessed as living in sub-standard unsatisfactory housing: Category Level 2 Health Hazard (normally confirmed by Environmental Development) |
| **Band 5** | **No or Low Housing Need** |
| 5.1 | Applicants who are adequately housed or no immediate need for housing |
| (For full details see the Allocations Scheme available on the Council website: www.oxford.gov.uk). | |