

An Overview of Enfield's Allocation Scheme

Enfield Council uses a points system for assessing applications for council and housing association homes. Enfield Council's Points Scheme is described in more detail in [pages 31 to p39](#).

Grouping Housing Applicants

All applicants for social rented housing will be placed in one of 6 groups as follows:

1. Council and Housing Association tenant applicants (also known as Transfers)

These are existing tenants of Enfield Council and housing associations in Enfield who need to move because:

- their current home is too small or too big for them
- they have high health and well-being reasons for needing to move
- they have an exceptional or emergency reason for needing to move

Reciprocals

Enfield Council expects housing associations to respond to the exceptional and emergency needs of their tenants by using their own housing stock.

In exceptional circumstances the Council may agree to assist housing association tenants on a reciprocal basis by making the housing association tenant one direct offer of suitable alternative accommodation.

All reciprocal arrangements are agreed on a discretionary basis and the Council retains the right to decline a request.

Reciprocals are only agreed when there is no material loss to the Council in terms of available housing stock. In most cases, this means that the Council will expect back a property of equal or larger size than the home offered. The home must also be comparable in terms of quality and type.

In exceptional circumstances, the Council may agree to accept two smaller homes in exchange for a larger home of the same number of bedrooms. This will only be considered where there is no other re-housing option available to the applicant and where there is a strong welfare reason to support the request.

The Council expects to receive back the replacement home within twelve months of the housing association tenant's start date for their new tenancy.