

- Emergency and Exception Priority cases requiring an urgent move (e.g., through the National Witness Mobility Scheme, Enfield children safeguarding cases, etc.) which have been approved by the Exceptions and Special Applications Housing Panel.

Each category of applicants will be prioritised on the basis of points and the date of their application to the Housing Register.

#### **4. Households in accommodation provided by Enfield Council owed a full housing duty under the homelessness law**

(also known as Tenants in Enfield's Temporary Accommodation)

The Localism Act 2011 introduced important changes to the way that councils can provide accommodation for homeless people. After the 9th November 2012 councils have been able to house homeless applicants in the private rented sector. Depending whether you applied before or after 9th November 2012 will determine whether the council can offer you private rented sector housing. How this works is explained below.

##### **1) Pre November 2012 homeless applicants**

If you applied to Enfield Council as a homeless person before 9th November 2012 and the council owes you a full housing duty, the council cannot by law offer you accommodation in the private rented sector. These households will have been provided with temporary accommodation

These households will be prioritised in date of order of moving into accommodation provided by Enfield Council unless:

- The household is a working household and has been assessed as experiencing financial hardship because income from work is not enough to meet rent payments. These households will be treated as top priority in this demand group and made a direct offer of suitable accommodation as soon as possible. Where there are two working households experiencing financial hardship needing the same sized home, the date they moved into this type of accommodation will determine priority. A quota of homes will be made available for this group.
- Non-working households given accommodation by Enfield Council under the homelessness law where the household's welfare benefits have been reduced by Government welfare reform and the Council has carried out an assessment and decided that they are not in a position to find work and are experiencing financial hardship. These households will be treated as second priority in this demand group and made a direct offer of suitable accommodation as soon as possible. Where there are two such households, the date of moving into this type of accommodation will decide priority. A quota of homes will be made available for this group.