

- maximise the young person's ability to sustain their tenancy through early interaction between the young person, their support workers and Enfield Homes Rehousing, Tenancy Estate Management and Income Management teams.

Around 120 young people are reviewed by the Care Leavers Housing Panel annually and on average 40 cases are approved for independent living into council or housing association. The Panel is chaired by the Head of Service, Looked after Children (LAC), and comprises staff from:

- Enfield Council (LAC Head of Service, LAC Deputy Team Manager, Fostering Manager, Asylum Team Support Service Manager, Panel Administrator)
- Enfield's Arms Length Management Organisation, Enfield Homes (Rehousing Team plus Income Management Team/ASB Team rep as and when required).
- Housing Association partner (Floating Support Service)

#### Reciprocals

Young people leaving care who have been placed in Enfield by another local authority under the Leaving Care Act 2000 may be considered at the discretion of the local authority under the terms of a reciprocal agreement (one for one) if the young person was placed in the borough prior to their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday has lived in the borough for and has lived there continuously a continuous period of 5 years

#### **Learning Difficulties Panel (Resources)**

Applicants who have learning difficulties will be referred to the joint Social Services/Housing Learning Difficulties Panel. This Panel reviews on average 60 cases each year. A Learning Difficulties manager chairs the meeting which is comprised of a Senior Officer from the Housing Options and Advice Service, Social Workers, Support / Care providers. Cases are presented by Social Workers to enable the Panel to decide on the suitability of independent accommodation.

#### **Housing Options Panel for People with physical disabilities or visual impairment or hearing impairment**

The Housing Options Panel will consider applications from people who have physical disabilities. The Panel reviews on average 80 cases per year. The Panel is chaired by a Manager from the Disabilities Team and comprises a Senior Occupational Therapist, Senior Officer from the Private Sector Housing Team and a Senior Manager from Enfield Homes. A Senior Housing Options and Advice Officer may attend. The Housing Options Panel will decide whether an applicant can remain in their home with appropriate and cost effective adaptations or recommend a move to more suitable housing.