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1	All under 5's will be recognised in the Council's bedroom standard and overcrowding assessment.	2.4.1 4.4.3	10 17	Children and families	To ensure that young children have the space to develop, play and grow, all children aged 5 and under will now be counted in allocating bedrooms according to the bedroom standard and when we measure overcrowding. This will help give them the best start in life, improving their health and wellbeing and educational attainment.
2	Families with dependent children in studios will automatically be awarded 250 severe overcrowding points	4.4.3	17	Children and families	To help tackle the worst housing conditions, 250 points will be awarded to help those living in the most overcrowded conditions in our stock where there is no separation of living and sleeping space.
3	Households with dependent children who share facilities such as kitchens and bathrooms with people who are not in their family will be awarded 50 points.	4.4.2	17	Children and families	To help tackle child poverty, 50 points will be awarded to improve the housing conditions of families with young/school aged children. Sharing facilities for single households is not an indicator of need and points have been removed from this group.
4	There will be no upper limit on sharing bedrooms for adult non-dependents. (This will affect the bedroom need and overcrowding assessments.)	2.4.1	10	Children and families	To expect adult non-dependents aged 18 years and over and of the same sex to share a room under the bedroom standard and when we measure overcrowding. Those in housing need will be able to make their own housing application, for example if they have housing and health related needs. There will be some exceptions to prevent inter-generational sharing, meet the requirements under fostering regulations and to recognise some medical conditions, disabilities or caring arrangements that require an additional bedroom to be awarded.
5	Households will be able to bid for properties one, or in some limited cases two, bedrooms smaller than their assessed bedroom need.	5.2 and 5.3	27	Children and families	To help households improve their immediate housing circumstances, households will be able to bid for properties one bedroom smaller than their assessed bedroom need. In some limited circumstances, larger families (with a 5+ assessed bedroom need) may be able to bid for properties up to two bedrooms smaller than their assessed need. This will only be possible where a suitable property is available and living in a smaller property will not make the household statutorily overcrowded.
6	Households living in cramped conditions who are using living space for sleeping in will be awarded 50 points.	4.4.3	17	Children and families	To give priority to households living in cramped conditions in the borough by awarding 50 points to households who are using living space for sleeping. However, the Council will continue to expect households to use living rooms as rooms which could be used as bedrooms when assessing and awarding points for overcrowding in recognition of the stock profile and limited supply of social housing in Camden.
7	Looked after children placed outside the borough will not be required to meet the residency test to join the housing register. They will also automatically receive the higher level long-term residency annual points uplift (10%)	2.2.6 4.13.2	7 24	Children and families	To support 'Parenting looked after children - a Camden strategy', removing the residency requirement (see change 9 below) and awarding the higher level annual points uplift to care leavers will help ensure that our looked after children and young people have the best opportunities in life and will help improve their outcomes.

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8	Children cared for under a special guardianship order will be counted when assessing a household's bedroom need and overcrowding. Where there are housing issues, such as overcrowding, 100 points will be awarded. They will also not be required to meet the residency test to join the housing register.	2.4.2 4.9.1	11 22	Children and families	To reflect the national trend towards using special guardianship orders to provide kinship care to vulnerable children, 100 points will be awarded to households who are caring for children under a special guardianship order and have a housing need, such as overcrowding. Children cared for under a special guardianship order will also be counted when assessing a household's bedroom need and overcrowding.
9	People who have not lived in Camden for a certain amount of time will not qualify to join the housing register.	2.2.6	7	Community	To exercise powers under the Localism Act to give priority to local people for rehousing, a local residency test will be introduced. The consultation responses were firmly in support of such a policy and Cabinet are asked to decide on the length of residency to be implemented (3 out of the last 5 years or 5 out of the last 7 years).
10	Households who have savings and assets above a certain threshold will not qualify to join the housing register.	2.2.5	7	Community	To prioritise social housing for those who cannot afford market options, a savings and assets test will be introduced. Throughout the consultation, there was strong support for this policy change but the proposed level of £20,000 was felt to be too low. Cabinet are asked to consider the a revised level of £32,000 which will promote mixed and sustainable communities. An exception to this savings test will be made for those requiring extra care
11	Households with low or no housing need under the proposed scheme will not qualify to join the housing register.	2.2.8	9	Community	To focus the housing register on helping those who would benefit most from rehousing, those who do not have an assessed housing need and would not be awarded at least 30 points under the new scheme will not qualify to join the register.
12	Households found to be intentionally homeless will not qualify to join the housing register.	2.2.4	7	Community	Those found to be intentionally homeless will not qualify to apply under the new scheme.
13	Changes in the law affecting current and former military personal will be included in the scheme.	2.2.6 4.11	7 23	Community	To confirm military & ex-military personal will be awarded additional preference (50 points) where they are in housing need. They will also be exempt from the local residency test (see item 9)
14	Care leavers will be eligible for additional support points up to the age of 25.	4.8.2	21	Community	To ensure the scheme is in line with age thresholds used by Children Schools and Families, care leavers will be entitled to additional support points up to the age of 25.
15	Direct offers for outgoing service tenants.	7.5	32	Community	All service tenants will be made two direct offers of social housing where their accommodation is tied to their employment and their employment comes to an end. In some cases, there may be a limited opportunity to bid for a property through Home Connections. They will need to they qualify to join the housing register by meeting the criteria set out in the scheme. Those continuing in their employment but giving up their accommodation may also be made a direct offer.

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16	Changes to list of single people who can apply for one bedroom properties	2.5	11	Community	To introduce flexibility in bedroom need assessment to ensure the Council can make the best use of its stock, further groups of single people will be able to bid for both studio and 1 bedroom properties. As well as existing groups of single people, adult sons and daughters of families moving due to redevelopment work (CIP), adult children of downsizers, all those aged 40 or over in housing need and non-statutory successors will be able to bid for both property sizes.
17	Direct offers will be made to adult non-dependent children of households affected by the Community Investment Programme.	4.5.6	19	Community	A direct offer of accommodation to adult children of households affected by Community Investment Programme will be made where they have been unable to secure an allocation after six months of bidding through Home Connections.
18	Those moving for essential repairs, Community Investment Programme will be able to bid for a property that meets their assessed bedroom need.	4.5.5	19	Community	Where a tenant needs to move for Community Investment Programme, other development work or essential repairs, they will be able to bid for a property that meets their assessed bedroom need. If they are currently living in a property that is larger than they need, they will not be able to bid for properties on a like-for-like basis.
19	Sensitive lettings will be updated to ensure they are used in an effective way to promote mixed and cohesive communities.	7.3	31	Community	Sensitive lettings to continue to be used in limited circumstances to help the Council build cohesive and mixed communities and will be kept under review and updated as required to reflect changing circumstances .
20	Arrangements to implement statutory guidance on the Right to Move will be included in the new scheme.	2.2.6 4.9.2	7 23	Community	Existing social housing tenants who need to move to take up work or an apprenticeship will be exempt from the local residency test (see change 9). They will also be entitled to 75 points where they meet the Council's requirements for Right to Move (see Group F: social needs in the full scheme).
21	The need to move on welfare grounds will be made clear in the new scheme.	4.9	22	Community	Households who need to access specialist facilities will be eligible for 75 points.
22	Priority for ground floor to those with medical priority and under occupiers only.	5.9	28	Fair and transparent scheme	To make sure that ground floor properties go to those with a medical assessment demonstrating their need for a ground floor property. Any remaining ground floor properties will be prioritised for under occupiers.
23	A two stage tie breaker will be introduced to decide between applicants who have an equal total points award, based on time spent on the housing register and the applicant's highest single points award.	5.5	28	Fair and transparent scheme	Where there are equal levels of housing need between applicants, the applicant with the longest time spent on the housing register will be used as a tie-breaker. Where time on list is also equal, the highest points level for a single need group will be used. For example urgent priority housing and health related needs would be prioritised over statutory homelessness.
24	The award of 50 points to ex-offenders will be removed from the scheme.			Fair and transparent scheme	To recognise that ex offenders are housed through specialist supported living schemes, the award of 50 points in the allocation scheme is no longer required.
25	Applicants will only be able to be on one housing application	2.3.1	9	Fair and transparent scheme	To remove duplication and confusion from the system, applicants and members of their household will only be able to be on one housing application.

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26	The new scheme will include an updated section on reviews and a new section on data protection	9.2	33	Fair and transparent scheme	To ensure the scheme is clear on an applicant's rights, details of the full review process are now included within the scheme, giving details of local resolution and formal review stages available to applicants. Council information on data protection is also signposted.
27	Annual reviews will be introduced for households who are not bidding through Home Connections or who are not attending viewings.	5.10	28	Fair and transparent scheme	To make sure that the housing register best reflects each applicant's current housing needs, annual reviews will be used to support non-bidders and those not attending viewings.
28	The exceptions panel will be removed and new arrangements will be made for dealing with exceptional cases under delegated authority.	10.1	34	Fair and transparent scheme	By improving the existing scheme, the right number of points will be in the majority of cases, minimising the need for exceptions to be made. Delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Adult Social Care or an appropriate officer will continue to deal with exceptional
29	There will be higher and lower level property condition points under Group B of the new scheme.	4.4.2	17	Fair and transparent scheme	To reflect other awards under Group B relating to unsuitable, overcrowded or insanitary conditions, higher and lower level points awards for property condition will be
30	The section on tolerated trespassers will be removed from the scheme.			Fair and transparent scheme	No longer a requirement in law.
31	A new household definition will be included in the scheme.	2.3.2	10	Fair and transparent scheme	The following people can be included on a housing application: you; your partner; children dependent on you/your partner; children from current or previous relationships who live with you for 51% or more of the time; adult children and other adult dependents.
32	An amended bedroom standard will be included in the new scheme.	2.4.1	10	Fair and transparent scheme	Step 1: one bedroom for you, and partner/spouse Step 2: One bedroom for any additional adult couple Step 3: One bedroom for any two additional people of the same sex Step 4: One bedroom for any two additional people of the opposite sex aged 9 and under Step 5: One bedroom for any additional person
33	Management transfer process (direct offers)	7.1.1	30	Fair and transparent scheme	Clearer information provided on management moves as part of direct offers.
34	There will be a new calculation for awarding time spent on the housing register.	4.12	24	Fair and transparent scheme	To reward local connection and time spent on the housing register, applicants will receive a five per cent uplift based on their points award on the anniversary of their application. This calculation will not include the 30 points awarded in Group G to secure Camden Council tenants applying for a transfer or any waiting time points awarded on previous anniversaries.
35	There will be a new calculation for rewarding long term residence in Camden	4.13	24	Fair and transparent scheme	To recognise long term local residence, applicants who have lived in Camden for 10 of the last 15 years will receive an additional five percent uplift on top of the uplift for time spent on the housing register - in total they will receive 10%. This calculation will not include the 30 points awarded in Group G to secure Camden Council tenants applying for a transfer or any waiting time points awarded
36	Make direct offers on properties that have not been successfully let after two shortlists.	5.6	28	Fair and transparent scheme	To improve the process for letting properties and avoid the administration of multiple shortlists, to make the best use of the housing stock.

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37	The third tier of medical points (40 points) will be removed and the two remaining points awards will be amended to give a higher priority to those whose housing conditions are affecting their health and wellbeing.	4.6	20	Health and wellbeing	40 points removed. Very urgent (500 points) and move is desirable (150 points) priority levels to replace current three tiers.
38	The age for sheltered housing will be increased to 65 in reflection to better reflect the care needs for those moving into sheltered	2.7.2	13	Health and wellbeing	Raised from age of 55 to 65 - In some circumstances those with medical, social care or age related needs who are aged under 65 may be considered for sheltered housing, for example people with early onset dementia. This will be assessed on a case by case basis by the Sheltered Housing Panel.
39	There will be more recognition of those giving or receiving care through an increased award of points and more flexibility. They will also not be required to meet the residency test to join the housing register.	2.2.6 2.5.2 4.9.1	7 12 23	Health and wellbeing	100 points for those giving or receiving long-term substantial care, also flexibility in who can be included on a housing application to recognise caring relationships
40	Award points to households who are giving up properties with adaptations that are no longer required.	4.5.4	19	Health and wellbeing	To help make the best use of our stock, 400 points will be awarded to households who are moving out of properties with adaptations that they no longer require. This will help us meet the needs of households who are waiting for adapted property.
41	Award points to existing council tenants who have surrendered their tenancy to enter supported housing to enable them to bid for a new tenancy when they have been assessed as ready to recommence independent living	4.8.5	22	Health and wellbeing	300 points awarded to a small number of council tenants with high support needs who are struggling to sustain a successful tenancy. This award helps to reassure those who would benefit from a stay in supported housing that they will be given priority for rehousing within the allocations scheme when they are ready for independent living again. This helps tenants access support that would benefit them, helps prevent tenancies failing and provides homes for applicants on the housing register earlier than otherwise and at less cost.
42	Introduce an annual review of the quota of properties for people with learning difficulties.	7.2.2	31	Health and wellbeing	To support the ASC agenda to move people out of high cost out of borough accommodation, the quota of properties for people with learning difficulties will be reviewed annually to make sure it help to meet demand