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## HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Glenurquhart Care Project (GCP) Charity aims to provide suitable affordable housing opportunities in Glenurquhart, Strathglass and Abriachan.
- 1.2. This document outlines the allocation policy for the houses owned by GCP.

### 2. Eligibility

- 2.1. To be eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate:
  - a) A clearly established permanent connection (*residential or family*) with the GCP area of benefit in which the property is located.
  - b) Demonstrable difficulties in securing housing opportunities that meet the accommodation needs of their household within their local community.

### 3. Priority

- 3.1. Homes will be allocated on a priority basis to eligible applicants as defined by the scoring system for gCP
- 3.2. In the event of applications exceeding the number of houses available, the GCP reserves the right to exercise its discretion in allocating them.
- 3.3. As the GCP is a registered Scottish Charity, it has to ensure that it allocates to those in necessitous circumstances i.e. households who otherwise would have difficulty accessing suitable housing that is affordable to them within their local community.
- 3.4. The main individual household need factors that the GCP will consider are set out in the table below. Any eligible applicant who fits one or more of the specified criteria will receive priority over those applicants who do not.

<b>HOUSEHOLD PRIORITY NEEDS FACTORS</b>
1. Elderly people who require alternative housing solutions who live within the GCP area
2. Adults who require adapted or supported housing who live within the GCP area
<b>The following factors will also be taken into consideration:</b>
People who are living in accommodation which is not possible to be adapted to suit their needs

- 3.5. In addition, applicants who currently occupy Council or RSL rented accommodation and whose application is supported by their landlord in order that the vacated property may be re-let to another household with a priority housing need, will receive priority as if it were their priority household needs that were being met.
- 3.6. In seeking to maximise the social and economic impact of GCP the table below sets out the range of factors that they may take account of in assessing the relative impact of different applicants if they were allocated a housing opportunity.

<b>COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY FACTORS</b>
Would allow elderly people to live on their own with some dedicated support provided by GCP
Would allow young adults with special needs to leave their parent's home and create a new assisted household
Would retain people in their community and prevent them receiving care in other locations, away from social networks

#### 4. **Implementation**

Deciding upon relative priority is not an exact science and should not be a prescriptive exercise. However, the policy and tables set out above are designed to assist the GCP to agree how housing opportunities should be prioritised locally.

The allocation process is to be carried out on an anonymised basis by a panel of assessors agreed by GCP.

#### 5. **Review**

The GCP will be responsible for the fair and effective implementation of this policy and for its ongoing and annual review.

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