

**HOUSING SERVICES
INFORMATION NOTE:
Allocation of Housing Association Properties & Housing
Options**

Allocation of Housing Association Properties

The Housing Association allocates all properties in line with its Allocations Policy and Points System, a copy of which was enclosed in your Housing Application Pack.

The Association has a statutory obligation to assist the Local Authority in housing homeless applicants through Nomination and Referral arrangements which are in place.

When a re-let or a new let becomes available for allocation, the Housing Association informs the Council of the forthcoming empty property.

The Council has a right to make:-

Nominations

The Council can nominate an applicant to the Association. Throughout the course of the year, the Association has to accept and rehouse a minimum of 50% of the nominations received by the Council.

Referrals

The Council can also refer a Homeless applicant to the Association. The Association **must** accept and rehouse all referrals made.

As the Association has these responsibilities, we are unable to predict when you may be allocated a property.

The Housing Association cannot deem anyone to be Homeless, this is a duty carried out by the Council. If you wish to make a Housing Application or Homeless Application, you should contact the Council immediately.

Other Options for Housing are as follows:

Rural Home Ownership Grant

Lochalsh and Skye Housing Association act as agents of Communities Scotland for this grant. Grants may be available for building/buying a property. Please contact the Association for more information.

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The Highland Council

The Highland Council have a stock of rented housing throughout Skye and Lochalsh and can be contacted on 01478 612341 for further details.

Home Swapping

If you wish to swap homes with someone who is a tenant of a Registered Social Landlord there are various approaches you can make: Advertising in your landlords office; notices in local newspapers, supermarkets, etc; or through the following website:-

www.homeswapper.co.uk

Estate Agents

There are a number of Estate Agents in the area who may have information on Private accommodation for let.

Alternative information on Housing Options in Highland

Information can be found as from the following sources:-

www.streetwise-highland.org

For further information, please contact:

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