

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Housing Allocations Report for 2022

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's current Allocations Scheme was adopted by the Elected Members of the Council in April 2021 following extensive consultation with the Housing SPC and is in accordance with Section 22 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009 and the Social Housing Regulations 2011.

The Scheme provides the framework through which all available social housing properties are allocated to households that have been deemed eligible for social housing support in accordance with Section 20 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2009 and existing tenants of the Council have applied to the Council for a transfer to alternative accommodation.

Since the adoption of the new Allocation Scheme in 2021, the Housing Department has worked to implement the agreed changes in the new Scheme.

This work included a list of technical changes required on our main housing system and our online Choice Based letting (CBL) system that is used to advertise and allocate properties to housing applicants and tenants on our transfer lists. Great care had to be taken to ensure changes were tested thoroughly and worked before we implement them on a live system. As well as communicating the changes to all those who are affected by the changes.

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council allocated a total of 504 properties in accordance with the Allocation Scheme. This is the highest number of allocations made by the Council.

We continued to support disabled people to access housing. During 2022 22% of all allocations were to household with a member who had a disability.

The properties allocated in 2022 continue to be a mix of Council owned and Approved Housing Body homes. The breakdown of the ownership of these properties is as follows:

Allocation of Properties in 2022

Owned by	Number of Properties
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	281
Approved Housing Bodies	223
Total	504

Breakdown of Properties Allocated by Bed Size:

Bed Size	Number of Properties
1 bed	182
2 bed	233
3 bed	85
4 bed (plus)	4
Total	504

The Allocation Scheme provides for the allocation of properties to households on the Housing Waiting List and existing tenants on one of the Council's transfer lists. The breakdown of the allocations in this regard is as follows;

Breakdown of Allocations in 2022 - Applicants & Tenants

List	Number of Properties
Housing Waiting List (Applicants)	414
Transfer List (Tenants)	90
Total	504

Included in the 504 allocations to households on the Housing Waiting List were to 52 allocations to households registered as Homeless with the Council.

Of the 504 allocations, 119 of these were to Overall Priorities.

Breakdown of Allocations in 2022 to Transfers

Bed Size	Number of Transfers
1 bed	29
2 bed	37
3 bed	23
4 bed	1
Total	90

In 2022 we continued to promote “Downsizing” or rightsizing for existing Council tenants as a way to facilitate the needs of those who find their current accommodation too big or unsuitable to their need. Included in the 90 transfer allocations listed above were 20 allocations to households that were approved to downsize. We also prioritised all applications to downsize and will continue to make every effort to match them to a suitable property.