

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Housing Allocations Report for 2020

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's current Allocations Scheme was adopted by the Elected Members of the Council in June 2011 following consultation with the Housing SPC and was made 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.

During 2020 the Housing Department began drafting a new Allocation Scheme. Working with a with the Housing Strategy Policy Committee to bring to the new draft scheme to the elected members in 2021.

Despite Covid restrictions in 2020 the allocations of properties continued. Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council allocated a total of 241 properties in accordance with the Allocation Scheme.

We continued to support for housing people with a disability with 26% of all allocations in 2020 going to persons with a disability.

The properties allocated in 2020 were 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 2020

Owned by	Number of Properties
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	167
Approved Housing Bodies	72
Total	241

Breakdown of Properties Allocated by Bed Size:

Bed Size	Number of Properties
1 bed	79
2 bed	106
3 bed	53
4 bed (plus)	3
Total	241

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 2020 - Applicants & Tenants

List	Number of Properties
Housing Waiting List (Applicants)	180
Transfer List (Tenants)	61
Total	241

Included in the 180 allocations to households on the Housing Waiting List were to 38 allocations to households registered as Homeless with the Council.

Of the 241 allocations, 83 of these were to Overall Priorities.

Breakdown of Allocations in 2020 to Transfers

Bed Size	Number of Transfers
1 bed	17
2 bed	29
3 bed	14
4 bed	1
Total	61

In 2020 we continued to promote "Downsizing" 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 61 transfer allocations listed above were 8 allocations to households that were approved to downsize. We also priorities all applications to downsize and will continue to make every effort to match them to a suitable property in 2021.