

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Housing Allocations Report for 2023

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's current Allocation Scheme was adopted by the Elected Members of the Council in April 2021 following extensive consultation with the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (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 for existing tenants of the Council who have applied for a transfer to alternative accommodation.

The Housing Department has upgraded Choice Based Letting (CBL) as part of the move towards providing improved access for housing applicants through the provision of a Housing Online system. CBL is the system that is used to advertise and allocate properties to housing applicants and tenants on our transfer lists. Those registered for CBL can also check their waiting list position on their respective waiting list.

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council allocated a total of 508 properties in 2023 in accordance with the Allocation Scheme. This is the highest number of allocations made by the Council to date.

We continue to support disabled people to access housing. 21% of all allocations in 2023 were to households with a member who had a disability.

The properties allocated in 2023 continued to be a mix of Council-owned and Approved Housing Body homes. The breakdown of the ownership of these properties was as follows:

Allocation of Properties in 2023

Owned by	Number of Properties
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	418
Approved Housing Bodies	90
TOTAL	508

Breakdown of Properties Allocated by Bed Size

Bed Size	Number of Properties
1 Bed	225
2 Bed	201
3 Bed	78
4 Bed (plus)	4
TOTAL	508

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 was as follows:

Breakdown of Allocations in 2023 – Applicants and Tenants

List	Number of Properties
Housing Waiting List (Applicants)	317
Transfer List (Tenants)	191
TOTAL	508

Included in the 508 allocations to households on the Housing Waiting List were 75 allocations to households registered as Homeless with the Council.

Of the 508 allocations, 147 of these were to Overall Priorities.

Breakdown of Allocations in 2023 to Transfers

Bed Size	Number of Transfers
1 Bed	56
2 Bed	98
3 Bed	33
4 Bed	4
TOTAL	191

In 2023 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 191 transfer allocations listed above were 6 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 more suitable property.