

STATES OF JERSEY



HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME BUYERS: ALLOCATION CRITERIA (P.53/2019) – AMENDMENT

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

After the words “buy local property as” delete the word “a”.

2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

After the words “is located;” delete the words “and that all families qualified to buy local property as first-time buyers should be treated equally; and” and insert a new paragraph (b) as follows –

“(b) to agree that all families qualified to buy local property as first-time buyers should be treated equally; notwithstanding that anyone presently registered for Parish Housing Schemes currently under development in partnership between Parishes and the Affordable Housing Gateway should not be affected adversely as a result of this proposition; and”.

3 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) –

Delete the original paragraph (b) and substitute with a new paragraph (c) as follows –

“(c) to request the Minister for Children and Housing to comprehensively detail and confirm the Allocations and Affordability Criteria used to determine persons as being eligible to access the Affordable Housing Gateway register and purchase a family home, and to publish it by the end of 2019.”.

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

- (a) to agree that the Allocations and Affordability Criteria set by the Minister for Children and Housing, which determines when a family is eligible to access the Affordable Housing Gateway register and to purchase a house, should not give priority to anyone based on their ability to demonstrate close links with the Parish in which any affordable housing development is located;
- (b) to agree that all families qualified to buy local property as first-time buyers should be treated equally; notwithstanding that anyone presently registered for Parish Housing Schemes

currently under development in partnership between Parishes and the Affordable Housing Gateway should not be affected adversely as a result of this proposition; and

- (c) to request the Minister for Children and Housing to comprehensively detail and confirm the Allocations and Affordability Criteria used to determine persons as being eligible to access the Affordable Housing Gateway register and purchase a family home, and to publish it by the end of 2019.

REPORT

New paragraph (b)

This amendment to [P.53/2019](#) is being proposed after discussions with colleagues, and recognising that families have been already promised and have made their plans accordingly. I feel it is fair that projects already underway and with developed plans (even those not yet approved) will not be affected.

It is a way not to be wasteful of the resources that have been spent.

Paragraph (c)

The general criteria does exist. The amendment is asking to strengthen the criteria and develop it in detail, which will allow clear understanding and transparency in relation to how the waiting-list is prioritised.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional resource implications for the Government of Jersey arising from the adoption of this amendment. Required changes can be made within the Department's budget.