

Review of Social Housing Waiting Lists

Written Submission from the Christians Together in Jersey Housing Trust

The following responses were received from the CTJ Housing Trust on 21st June 2011:

1. **What allocations policy does the Trust operate?**

Fifty per cent of allocations to existing property and eighty percent of allocations to any new developments are made from Nominations received from the Housing Department.

2. **What relationship does the Trust have with the Department of Housing, particularly in relation to waiting lists and the allocation of social housing units to applicants?**

The Trust has a very good working relationship with the Housing Department and is in regular contact with the Department from quarterly meetings with the Chairman and the Housing Minister to the Managing Agents contact with regard to nominations and discussing potential tenants.

3. **What involvement, if any, has the Trust had in the development of plans for the Affordable Housing Gateway?**

The Trust have met with the Housing Department and the Managing Agent has been involved in the setting up of the Gateway. CTJ Housing Trust have with the permission of their waiting list collated and given all details of the waiting list to the Housing Department in order that a better idea of the social housing demand can be obtained.

4. **What expectations does the Trust have for the Affordable Housing Gateway and what impact, if any, does the Trust believe the Gateway will have on its work?**

CTJ believe that a central list is the way forward as this will give a better indication as to the demand and need for Housing and what size property i.e. one bedrooms or family homes are most needed. As long as the criteria is wide enough to accept all those in need and the Trust still has some flexibility a central list will cut down on general administration of keeping a separate list and time / voids in asking and waiting for nominations from the Housing Department. We would also hope that bad tenants i.e. people that have been evicted for rent arrears from one Trust or from the Housing Dept could be tracked and more information is freely available.

5. **What regulatory system does the Trust believe should be put in place in relation to social housing?**

The Trust feels that a small lightly controlled independent regulatory system should be put in place.