

Housing Report May 2018

The following information has been received from Phyllis McFadden about housing in Linlithgow. We need to decide how we take this further.

Council housing numbers

- The number of council dwellings in Linlithgow Ward are:

Bridgend	222
Linlithgow	343
Linlithgow Bridge	85
Newton	12
Philipstoun	25
Threemiletown	6
Total	693

This number includes homeless units:

9 Linlithgow
1 Linlithgow Bridge
6 Bridgend

- The Council do not hold information on the number of dwellings rented by other RSL's, or the number of private rented housing
- The number of people on the housing waiting list with LLB as their first choice are (Feb 2018)

Linlithgow Bridge	107
Linlithgow	1418

Data is not held on how many of this number are living in Linlithgow currently i.e. with parents, friends, etc.
- The number of lets in 16/17 – total of 37 lets, 19 lets in Linlithgow Bridge and 18 lets in Linlithgow . YTD 2017/18 (As of 27.11.17) – total of 15 lets, 2 in Linlithgow Bridge and 13 in Linlithgow.

Information

West Lothian Council's allocation policy is based on a system of Groups plus points. Applicants are assessed and awarded points based on their housing need, in accordance with the allocation policy points framework, they are then categorised as per their circumstances and placed in one of five groups e.g, Homeless Group, Transfer Group, Unsatisfactory Housing Group, General Needs Group and Outwith West Lothian Group.

An applicant will only be offered permanent housing within an area of their choice in accordance with the Allocations Policy.

Homeless applicants may be placed in a temporary tenancy in Linlithgow and this may not be one of their choices. West Lothian Council will aim to ensure that homeless applicants are temporarily housed as close to social networks as possible, based on availability of temporary accommodation at time of need.

A single applicant, a couple or a family with one or two children may apply for a 2-bed property in accordance with policy. Offers are then made to the applicant with the highest need points. There is no scope to prioritise within the priority e.g prioritise families above single people.

Available Land

At the time of the last call for sites West Lothian Council submitted the following:

West Lothian Council	Braehead (Recycling & Amenity Centre)	0.18ha
	Doomsdale	2.62ha
	Mill Road	1.6ha
	Clarendon House	2.6ha
	Rivals Green	0.09ha

Of the above only Doomsdale remains an option for social housing development.

Options

1. Land purchase by West Lothian Council
2. Further development by West Lothian Council at Doomsdale
3. Action by a housing association
4. Social housing element of private housing development
5. Demolition and rebuilding