

# Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme Details

## Introduction

The aim of the scheme is to help provide housing in the private sector for those on low incomes. Up to one month's rent is *guaranteed* to the landlord to cover rent loss and/or damage to the property during the course of the tenancy.

## Criteria for Acceptance on The Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme

1. A Rent Deposit Guarantee applicant is referred to the scheme by Housing Advice Officers via the RDGS referral form.
2. Candidates must be Homeless, Eligible for assistance, in priority need, unintentionally homeless, have a local connection (unless fleeing domestic violence) **and be eligible for full or part housing benefit.**
3. The applicant will have **no outstanding debt** owed on any previous tenancies with the Council, through temporary accommodation or a property previously provided via the Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme. The applicant will also **not** have a history of Anti Social Behaviour or high support needs.
4. **Affordability** of property to applicant-i.e. debt payments etc
5. Consideration will be given to cases with **exceptional** circumstances that may not fulfil the above criteria.

For further information;

Contact the Rent Deposit Coordinator on 01727 819382 or 819608