

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 4 weeks rent is *guaranteed* to the Landlord to cover rent loss and/or damage to the property during the course of the tenancy. A non-returnable incentive of £300 is paid at the start of the tenancy.

Criteria For Acceptance on The Rent Deposit Guarantee Scheme

A Rent Deposit Guarantee applicant is referred to the scheme by Housing Advice Officers. Candidates must be Homeless, Eligible for assistance, have a local connection **and be eligible for full or part housing benefit**. A single applicant must be on full housing benefit. 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. Priority need is also considered.

If the possibility of referral becomes apparent at interview, the form should be filled in with the Housing Advice Officer. When all documentation is received, an interview with the Rent Deposit Officer can take place. This is to further explain the scheme and assess applicant suitability/requirements.

If a homeless applicant who is owed 'duty' chooses to 'fast track' via the scheme the applicant may choose at that stage to withdraw their homeless application. If at any time in the future they are faced with homelessness then their circumstances can be reviewed again.

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