

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – council / social rent

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. How many LCC council/ social rent 3 bedroom bungalows are available for let in the Charnwood ward?

There are no 3-bed bungalows available for let in the Charnwood ward.

2. How many council/ social rent 3 bedroom bungalows are available for let in the combined housing of Leicester i.e. all wards north, west, central, east and south.

There are no 3-bed bungalows available for let citywide.

3. How many council/ social rent 3 bedroom bungalows in the Charnwood ward were offered for RELET to existing applicants on the Housing Register during the year from 2011 to 2012?

During the period 01/04/2011 to 31/12/2012 inclusive, there were no 3-bed bungalows offered for relet in either the Charnwood ward or citywide.

4. How many council/ social rent 3 bedroom bungalows in the combined housing areas i.e. north, west, central, east and south were offered for RELET to existing applicants on the Housing Register during the year 2011 to 2012?

As above response to Q3.

5. Has the Council identified any need or emerging disadvantage relating to the lack of suitable council/ social rent 3 bedroom bungalow accommodation for families on the housing register which include family members with severe disabilities who require level access?

Information from the Council's Housing Register is used to determine the level of need for adapted and general needs accommodation. This information is used by the Council's Housing Development Team in their discussions with Registered Social Housing Providers in the development of new homes. New build adapted accommodation is generally to wheelchair standard and facilities will either be accessible on the ground floor or upper floor by a through floor lift. New build family wheelchair homes with 3 or more bedrooms are likely to be in the form of houses rather than bungalows due to space and cost issues. However if a family has been identified with specific needs then the Council will work with their partners to see how best that need could be met. Currently we do not have any family on the

Housing Register with specific needs above those that could not be met through our development programme.

6. Does the Council currently have any development or strategic proposals in the short or longer term to build / provide a mix of affordable housing which includes 3 bedroom bungalow homes?

As above response to Q5.

7. Of those currently on the Housing Register, do any of these applicants require a home to be specially built or considerably adapted as a result of LCC obligations under legislation?

As above response to Q5.

8. For the period 2011/2012 of those applicants in Band One of the Housing Register who are eligible for a 3 bedroom council/ social rent bungalow, what is the average time length taken to rehouse such households from their date of banding priority?

We do not ask applicants on the Housing Register to specify what property types they would like as we operate a choice based lettings scheme called Leicester HomeChoice where applicants can choose themselves which property types they would like to bid on. There are however, certain properties where we give preference to specific groups of people i.e. where they have a need for adapted accommodation. This could be either be a house, flat, maisonette or a bungalow and have adaptations which enables the disabled person to access facilities which could be on the ground floor or accessible by a lift if they are on the upper floor. For the period 2011/12 there were no lettings of 3 bedroom bungalows but there were 4 lettings of 3 bedroom adapted accommodation which included 3 houses and a flat. The average waiting time for those applicants rehoused to the accommodation with their Band 1 status was 17 months.

9. How many applicants in Band One of the Housing Register who are eligible for a council/ social rent 3 bedroom bungalow were offered an available

As above response to Q8.

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