

We want your views!

Uddingston Local Lettings Initiative



West of
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Association

Background

West of Scotland Housing Association (WSHA) owns almost 170 properties across Uddingston, with around 160 tenemental properties, and of these 115 are one bedroom properties. Almost all of these properties are located just off the main street in Uddingston, close to a wide range of local amenities and transport links.

What are the issues?

Our properties across South Lanarkshire are let through the Common Housing Register operated in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council. In recent years demand for our properties in the area has reduced. We believe there are a number of reasons for this including:

- 115 one bedroom properties which typically have small recess kitchens
- A steady increase of anti social cases over the last 3 years, concentrated in three specific streets
- Turnover rates for our properties are relatively high with new tenants not staying in their homes for long, and a significant number of long standing tenants leaving saying they are 'dissatisfied' with the area.

As a result of the above those queuing and applying for our properties prevent us building and maintaining a sustainable community.

What are we proposing to do?

We are proposing to introduce a Local Letting Initiative for three of our streets in the Uddingston area: Crofthead Street, Deanbrae Street and Laighmuir Street.

This initiative would mean:

- We give priority to those who have a local connection to the Uddingston area, and have significant housing or medical needs – we define local connection as working in the area, attending an educational facility, or looking to provide or receive support
- We will class a proportion of our ground floor properties as ‘amenity housing’ which will only be allocated to those with mobility needs or are aged over 55
- We may provide incentives for tenants moving into the area including providing floor coverings and decorating packs in certain circumstances
- We will increase the provision of tenancy support through our charitable organisation Willowacre Trust
- We will further develop and build on our relationship with the South Lanarkshire Council Anti Social Behaviour response team
- We will undertake a marketing exercise of our properties targeting local employers.

If we decide to introduce the Plan, we will undertake a detailed review every six months to assess how well it has helped us address the issues detailed above.



How can you give us your views?

We are keen to hear the views of our tenants who currently live in the areas that will be impacted by the introduction of this Local Letting Plan.

If you want to give us your views you can call us on 0141 550 5060 or email haveyoursay@westscot.co.uk

Please let us know if you support our proposals, or if you think we should do anything differently.



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