

Allocations 2018-2019

We advertised **10 vacancies** through Homehunt, of these **6 were allocated to priority homeless** pass holders. We arranged **1 internal transfers** and **6 mutual exchanges**. This is half the number of vacancies advertised last year.

Area	Nos. of allocations	1 bed flat	2 bed flat	3 bed House	Average nos. of applicants per property
Totals	10	5	4	1	87
Cockenzie	1	-	1	-	175
Gullane	5	3	2	-	88
Gifford	2	1	-	1	75
North Berwick	1	-	1	-	71
East Linton	1	1	-	-	51

From this Allocation information you will see 90% of advertised allocations were for 1 and 2 bedroom flats. We advise tenants who are looking for larger properties or houses that a Mutual Exchange with another social landlord is very often a much quicker solution. 6 tenants exchanged last year. We always look at our own tenants needs before we advertise but were only able to accommodate 4 transfers.

We have a joint mutual exchange list with East Lothian Council and East Lothian HA called **East Lothian X-Changes**. You can search for a property here:

<https://www.elha.com/mutex/search>

Allocation Policy Changes

We started the consultation process last spring, asking for tenant volunteers to become involved in the review of the Allocation policy. We discussed the changes brought about by the **Housing (Scotland) Act 2014** with a presentation at our AGM in September. *(This is still available on our website).*

We subsequently had a meeting at the Maitlandfield Hotel with interested tenants, this was an interesting meeting with some very diverse views. We then sent out a survey to all our tenants, other agencies we work with and included a link to the survey on our homehunt adverts. The responses so far:

	Agree	Disagree
01 Home Ownership	76.09%	24%
02 Reasonable Preference Under Occupation	100%	0
3 Succeeding Tenancies	88.9%	11.1%
4 ASB Existing tenants	100%	0
4 ASB Low level breaches	100%	0
5 ASB Prospective tenants	96.3%	3.7%
6 Streamlined Eviction	96.2%	3.8%