

Briefing Note

Pan London Mobility Housing Scheme (housingmoves)

Background

The Greater London Authority (GLA) is leading the development of a new pan-London housing mobility scheme, *housingmoves*, which will facilitate cross borough moves within the social rented sector. A small proportion of social rented re-lets will be contributed by boroughs into a pan-London pool, and tenants will bid for the pooled properties.

housingmoves is being established to improve choice and mobility options for social tenants. It builds on the work of the g15 housing associations, who have recently launched their own mobility scheme in pilot form, g15 London Moves.

The scheme will be operational from January 2012 with boroughs joining in three phases from February to May. *housingmoves* will be funded by the GLA for at least the first two years of operation. Home Connections Ltd. has been selected as the IT provider.

How the scheme will work

Applicants will log on to a central website and complete an application form. The landlord will be asked to verify some details about them, after which they will be free to place bids through the CBL system.

Before an offer of a property is made, Greenwich will carry out additional verification checks.

housing moves will prioritise under occupiers, those in work, and those who wish to move to provide care and support to a family member or friend. Most other social tenants are also eligible for moves. All movers will need to be current tenants with assured or secure tenancies, and have a clear rent account and no history of ASB.

Each borough will contribute 5% of their social rented relets to *housingmoves*. This figure includes their nominations to housing association stock. The scheme is built in such a way that it is guaranteed that there will always be the same number of moves out of a borough as into a borough. This process is called 'equalisation'.

Consultation Period and Feedback

The London Borough of Greenwich would like to invite you to provide feedback on our intention to participate in this scheme.

The consultation period starts on **Monday 9th January 2012** and ends at **midnight on Sunday 5th February 2012**.

Feedback should be emailed to Housing-mobility-scheme-consult@greenwich.gov.uk

If you have any questions or queries, then you can contact William Sheffield by telephone on 0208 921- 2686 or by email on: william.sheffield@greenwich.gov.uk

Next Stage

All comments and feedback received during the consultation period will be carefully considered by Senior Officers and Members at the end of the consultation period.

A summary of the feedback received and decisions made will be published by 23rd February 2012 with details of what will happen next.