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## **REQUEST**

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please reveal:

- (1) Has the council exercised the power given by Housing Act 1996 section 160ZA(7) to designate some classes of persons as not eligible for its housing allocation scheme.
- (2) If so, what are those classes.
- (3) Since adopting those classes, how many applicants have been notified that they do not qualify.
- (4) What was the number of applicants on the waiting list before those classes were adopted.
- (5) What is the current number on the waiting list.

## **RESPONSE**

Further to your Freedom of Information request, we can respond as follows:

- 1) Yes. A new policy was adopted in July 2013.
- 2) The following applicants are not eligible to apply:
  - a) Applicants who do not reside in the Tendring district unless they are former residents placed in specialist accommodation not available  
  
locally e.g women's refuges or current or former members of the armed forces and bereaves spouses or civil partners of armed service  
  
personnel.
  - b) Applicants who live locally but have not resided in the Tendring district for at least three years
  - c) Applicants who do not have a demonstrable housing need at the time of application.
- 3) I can only give data on those who have made written requests or submitted applications. Callers by phone or to a reception are not counted. The data is as follows:
  - a) Non-resident applicants: 36
  - b) Applicants with less than 3 years residence: 91
  - c) Applicants with no demonstrable housing need: 118
- 4) 2007
- 5) 1358