

# GARAGE LETTINGS POLICY

January 2023

## INTRODUCTION

The Council's Housing Service has been reviewing its garage lettings policy. The policy sets out how garages are allocated to those on the waiting list as well as other matters such as the associated charging.

Previously Winchester City Council tenants on the garage waiting list automatically got priority for any garage vacancies and benefited from lower garage licence fees. Everyone on the current waiting list was contacted to give their views on these matters and other garage lettings criteria as part of the review.

## METHOD

- Emailed to 204 people on the current garage waiting list.

## WHO RESPONDED

- 56 responses
- 27% response rate

## WHAT WE'RE DOING

- The results and proposed changes to the lettings policy were discussed with the tenant led Service Delivery Group in February 2023.
- The proposed changes to the policy (below) will take effect from 1st April 2024. Any new garage licences from that date will be at the new rate, any that started before will be at their current rate with the annual uplift applied.
- Removal of priority given to Winchester City Council (WCC) tenants and leaseholders.
  - Priority to applicants who live within 1 mile of a garage vacancy.  
(If there is nobody on the register fulfilling the distance priority as detailed above, then priority will be given to applicants in date order. This ensures garages are allocated based on the amount of time applicants have been on the garage register.)
  - Removal of reduced charge for WCC tenants and leaseholders.

## WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING NOW

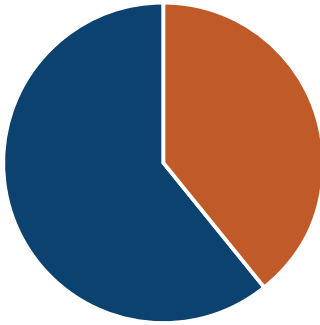
- Inspections of the garage sites are being completed.

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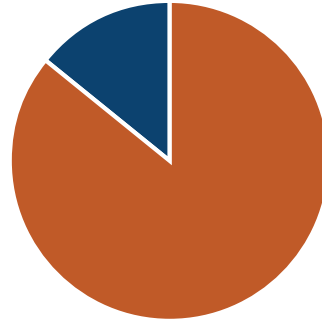
## THE RESULTS

Should Winchester City Council tenants get priority for garage vacancies?



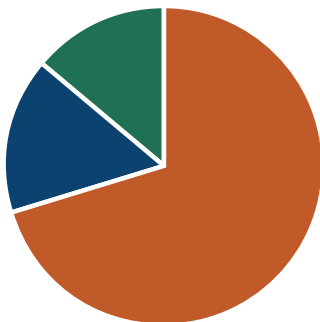
Yes 22 **39%**  
No 34 **61%**

Should any priority be given to a garage applicant who lives near to the vacant garage?



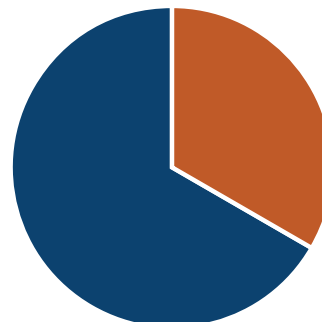
Yes 48 **86%**  
No 8 **14%**

If you think priority should be given to applicants living near to vacant garage, please select the one distance measure you feel is most appropriate.



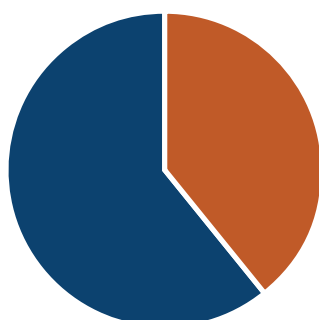
1 Mile 35 **70%**  
2 Miles 8 **16%**  
5 Miles 7 **14%**

Should garage charges be higher in areas where there is greater demand for them, for example the City Centre?



Yes 19 **34%**  
No 37 **66%**

Should Winchester City Council tenants receive a lower garage charge?



Yes 22 **39%**  
No 34 **61%**