

**South Cambridgeshire District Council**

**New Landlord Selection Criteria**

**Testing/Evaluation Mechanisms**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Open event</b>	<b>Desk top</b>	<b>Visit</b>
<b>Local autonomy</b> – local tenants, leaseholders and other stakeholders will take decisions about the local landlord service and the local, accessible base	√ presentation and questions	√ Trowers report on Intra Group Agreement	√ questions and observation
<b>Local accountability and partnership</b> – the local housing association will work in an accountable partnership with SCDC	√ questions	√ Trowers advice on the transfer agreement	√ questions about role in wider LA strategic working
<b>Tenant participation and empowerment</b> – tenants are genuinely empowered to shape delivery of services, and to have an effective say in the future of the local housing association	√ presentation and questions	√ BVPI and STATUS. Trowers report on constitutional options	√ questions and observation
<b>Finance and resource</b> – the local housing association will be financially strong and have quality support services	√ questions	√ - Savills report	√ questions and observation
<b>Viability</b> – any transfer would create two viable organisations (Council and local housing association)	√ questions	√ review of SOA conclusions and potential negotiation areas	x

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<b>Service Excellence</b> – the local housing association will be able to deliver high quality, comprehensive services from a local and accessible base	√ questions	x	√ questions and observation
<b>Affordable Homes</b> – additional affordable rented homes will be provided in South Cambridgeshire in village locations	√ questions	x	√ questions
<b>Staffing matters</b> – staff will have a good employer, operating from a local and accessible base, that can offer opportunities for training and development	√ questions	x	√ questions and observation
<b>Culture and ethos</b> – the local housing association will be a positive, learning organisation. It will focus on people and their villages and seek to provide a high quality and sustainable environment	√ questions	x	√ questions and observation
<b>Sustainable performance</b> – the local housing association will perform strongly and have the capacity to expand its business.	√ questions	x	√ questions and observation