Appendix 2 – Legislative Policy Changes

In relation to the eligibility of applicants subject to immigration control applying for an allocation of social housing, the Secretary of state has made two amendments to regulations:

- The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) and Persons Subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) (Amendment) Regulations 2023
- The Secretary of state made further regulations; The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) and Persons Subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

This includes the following persons:

- (x) a person who has limited leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom under <u>Appendix Hong Kong British Citizen (Overseas) of the Immigration</u> <u>Rules</u>, who is habitually resident in the Common Travel Area, and who is not subject to a condition requiring that person to maintain and accommodate themselves, and any person dependent upon them, without recourse to public funds
- (xi) a person who has been granted leave by virtue of the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy or the previous scheme for locally-employed staff in Afghanistan
- (xii) a person with leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom who left Afghanistan in connection with the collapse of the Afghan government that took place on 15 August 2021 and who is not subject to a condition of no recourse to public funds and has not been given leave to enter or remain as a result of an undertaking that a sponsor would be responsible for the applicant's maintenance and accommodation. However, a person who was sponsored will be eligible for an allocation of accommodation if the applicant has been resident in the Common Travel Area for 5 years since the date of entry (or the date of the sponsorship undertaking, whichever is later) or their sponsor(s) have died.
- (xiii) a person in the United Kingdom who left Ukraine in connection with the Russian invasion on 24 February 2022 and had resided in Ukraine immediately before 1 January 2022, and who has been granted leave in accordance with Immigration Rules made under section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971
- (xiv) a person in the United Kingdom who has limited leave to remain granted in accordance with <u>Appendix Ukraine Scheme of the Immigration</u> <u>Rules</u> pursuant to an application made by that person from within the United Kingdom

- (xv) a person who has limited leave to remain granted in accordance with <u>Appendix Temporary Permission to Stay for Victims of Human Trafficking</u> or Slavery of the Immigration Rules
- (xvi) a person who was residing in Sudan before 15 April 2023 and left Sudan in connection with the violence which rapidly escalated on 15 April 2023 in Khartoum and across Sudan; has been granted leave in accordance with the Immigration Rules; and whose leave is not subject to a condition of no recourse to public funds and was not given as a result of an undertaking that a sponsor would be responsible for the applicant's maintenance and accommodation. However, a person who was sponsored will be eligible for an allocation of accommodation if the applicant has been resident in the Common Travel Area for 5 years since the date of entry (or the date of the sponsorship undertaking, whichever is later) or their sponsor(s) have died.
- (xvii) a person who was residing in Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights or Lebanon immediately before 7 October 2023, and left Israel, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem, the Golan Heights or Lebanon in connection with the Hamas terrorist attack in Israel on 7 October 2023 or the violence which rapidly escalated in the region following the attack; and whose leave is not subject to a condition of no recourse to public funds and was not given as a result of an undertaking that a sponsor would be responsible for the applicant's maintenance and accommodation. However, a person who was sponsored will be eligible for an allocation of accommodation if the applicant has been resident in the Common Travel Area for 5 years since the date of entry (or the date of the sponsorship undertaking, whichever is later) or their sponsor(s) have died.
- (xviii) a person who has indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom, by virtue of the <u>Appendix Victim of Domestic Abuse of the Immigration Rules</u> in circumstances where the person is a victim of transnational marriage abandonment.
- (xix) a person who has limited leave to enter or limited leave to remain in the United Kingdom and who, after making a change of conditions application, has had their no recourse to public funds condition lifted by the Home Office in accordance with section 3(1)(c)(ii) of the Immigration Act 1971(d), and is not a person within paragraph 3.14 v) or 3.14 x) above.