## **Corbridge Local Lettings Policy**

Corbridge Parish Council recognises that there is a lack of affordable homes in the parish and aims to support our community by awarding additional preference to families with a strong local connection.

## Local Criteria

A close connection to Corbridge is defined as the applicant meeting one of the following criteria:

 $\cdot$ 1. Living in the Corbridge Parish continually for at least 5 years immediately prior to the date of selection for an offer.

2. Lived continuously in the parish for at least 5 years immediately prior to being accepted as homeless but have been placed in temporary accommodation outside of the parish for up to 1 years.

3. Having parents or children who have lived continually in the parish for at least 5 years immediately prior to the date of selection for an offer.

4. That need to return to area to support family, need support from family or are armed forces and can show a need to be in the local area.

In the event of more than one of the applicants meeting the criteria above they will be applied in the order listed above. If no applicants meet these criteria within 4 weeks then the criteria will be widened to include the rural allocations policy as shown on the Northumberland Homefinder web site.

## **General Criteria**

Properties subject to the rural allocation criteria will be offered to applicants in the following order;

1. To applicants with a connection to the parish in bands P, 1, 2 or 2R.

2. To applicants with a connection to the parish in band 3.

*The Bungalow* - priority will be given to those residents aged 55 or over and to those with a mobility or ground floor need (reasonable modifications can be made to enable this).

*The Semi-Detached Houses* - priority will be given to young families who meet the local criteria set out above.