

"Local Connection"

means a local connection calculated from the Start Date (defined in Part VII of the Housing Act 1996) with the District (or the Qualifying Area as appropriate) as follows:

- being permanently resident therein for six of the last twelve months, or three out of the last five years; or
- in permanent full-time or part-time (minimum 16 hour contract per week) work therein for 6 months. This may include the need to move to the District in connection with permanent employment (minimum 16 hour contract per week) where commuting from the person's existing home is accepted by the Council as unreasonable. In all cases there should be no break in the period of employment for more than 3 months over the relevant period; or
- have family connections in the District. Reflecting the Local Government Association guidelines this is normally defined as the applicant, or a member of their household has parents, adult children or brothers or sisters who have been resident in the District for at least the last five (5) years; or
- having immediate relatives (i.e. parents, non-dependent children, brother or sister) who have lived therein for at least five (5) years and with whom there has been shown to have been frequent contact, commitment or dependency; or
- other categories or relationships may be considered by the Council including foster relationships where clear evidence of frequent contact, commitment dependency is shown
- other special circumstances which create a link to the District (not including residence in a hospital armed forces accommodation holiday let or person or rehabilitation facility) and having been first verified in writing by the Council as having such special circumstances and this may include the need to reside medical

support or (with the approval of the Council) some other form of special support.

"Qualifying Area"

means the District, or the County (as appropriate).

"District"

means the administrative area of Torridge District Council.