

## Report

### Update of Income Threshold for Social Housing

#### Purpose of the report

The Minister has reviewed the eligibility criteria to access the Affordable Housing Gateway, and he has decided to increase the level of income in line with Income Support.

#### Background

The former Minister for Housing and Communities published his [Fair Rents Plan](#) on 31 December 2021 ([MD-H-2022-0001](#)), which authorised specified changes to the eligibility criteria for Affordable Housing Gateway (Action 3B). A Ministerial Decision ([MD-HC-2022-179](#)) was signed earlier this year, with the changes coming into effect on 1 April 2022. Further to those changes, the current Minister has reviewed the income thresholds for applicants accessing the Gateway. The Minister has decided to update the Eligibility Criteria for Renting Social Housing to increase the income thresholds to align them with Income Support.

#### Recommendation

Officers to update the Eligibility Criteria for Renting Social Housing and publish it on the Government website. The content of the website on the Affordable Housing Gateway will also be updated to reflect the new eligibility rules.