

# KEYWAYS - UPDATE

- New Keyways scheme launches on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013
- All Keyways applicants will need to complete a new application form on or after Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013.



- The first advert cycle on the new system is from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013

# The Main Changes

- There are changes to some of the Keyways priority bands. Some banding criteria have been removed, some have moved bands, and there are also some new criteria.
- There are changes to the rules around who qualifies for Keyways e.g. people who can afford market housing and those with no local connection to Kettering Borough will not qualify to join the new Keyways

- The reason that applicants will need to reapply is to have their housing circumstances assessed against the new rules. The application form has some new questions for this reason.
- Applicants can apply online at [www.keyways.org.uk](http://www.keyways.org.uk) or they can get help with this from KBC staff
- Current applicants may see a change in their Keyways band and some might not qualify for Keyways on the new system
- Current applicants will keep their waiting time on the new system as long as they apply by the end of August 2013 (unless their banding is increased)

- We have already removed all Band D applicants (no housing need cases) from Keyways
- We wrote to applicants early March 2013 to tell them about the changes that were coming in and that they'd need to reapply.
- Letters were sent out on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June giving more details about how to apply on the new system
- We are advising applicants to complete their on-line form as soon as they can in order for staff to verify their circumstances prior to making applications active.