



First Priority Housing Association
Furniture and White Goods Policy

Scope	The policy applies to all of First Priority Housing Association's properties
Policy relates to	Tenancy Policy Equality & Diversity Policy
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This document sets out the approach to what items are included at the start of a tenancy and replaced during the tenancy term.
- 1.2. This document sets out the approach to how replacements are collected for via a service charge.

2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure people we support are set up to succeed in their tenancy
- Ensure people we support have the essentials provided in their homes
- To provide part furnished homes for all people we support

3. Shared homes

3.1. When tenants are moving into shared homes, the communal/ shared items should be provided to all tenants in the home.

It isn't fair to expect a shared home of people to each own part of an item, or to own an item and share with others.

3.2. In a kitchen/ laundry and dining space – each shared space should have the following items (as long as space allows)

Cooking facilities (Cooker, Hob and Hood)

- Food storage facilities (Fridge and Freezer)
- Washing facilities (Washing machine, Tumble dryer and Dishwasher)
- Seating area (Dining table & chairs)
- Window coverings (Blinds or Curtains)

3.3. In a living space – each shared space should have the following items (as long as space allows)

- Seating area (Sofa or Armchairs)
- Entertainment (TV and TV Unit)
- Storage (Coffee table/ sideboard)
- Window coverings (Blinds or Curtains)

3.4. In a tenants bedroom – each bedroom should have the following (as long as space allows)

- Sleeping facilities (Bed and Mattress)

- Furniture (Chest of drawers and Wardrobe)

4. Self Contained Homes

- 4.1. When tenants move into a self-contained home, they should have the essential facilities in order to live within that home without causing financial hardship.
- 4.2. In the kitchen/ laundry/ dining space – each space should have the following (as long as space allows)
 - Cooking facilities (Cooker, Hob and Hood)
 - Food storage facilities (Fridge and Freezer)
 - Washing facilities (Washing machine, Tumble dryer and Dishwasher)
 - Seating area (Dining table and Chairs)
 - Window coverings (Blinds or Curtains)
- 4.3. In a tenant's bedroom – each bedroom should have the following (as long as space allows)
 - Sleeping facilities (Bed and Mattress)
 - Furniture (Chest of drawers and Wardrobe)
- 4.4. In a tenants living space – each living room should have the following (as long as space allows)
 - Seating (Sofa or Armchair)
 - Window coverings (Blinds or Curtains)

5. Inventory

- 5.1. Each tenant should have a copy of the inventory of items in the home that will be replaced when they break
- 5.2. The inventory will form the basis of the service charge element for renewals and replacements, and will be reviewed annually

1. Equality and diversity – impact assessment

Protected characteristic		Explanation (if required)	Controls
Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact on minority ethnic groups? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	N		
Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact due to gender (including pregnancy and maternity)? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	N		
Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact due to disability? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	N		
Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact on people due to sexual orientation? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	N		
Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact on people due to their age? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	N		
Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact on people due to their religious belief (or none)? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?	N		

<p>Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact on people with dependants/caring responsibilities? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>N</p>		
<p>Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact on people due to them being transgender or transsexual? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>N</p>		
<p>Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact on people due to their marital or civil partnership status? What evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>N</p>		