Housing

POLICY RESPONSIBILITY: Welfare Officer
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The Students’ Union believes that students have the right to live in safe and affordable housing in Sheffield.

University and partnership housing

The Students’ Union will lobby the University to provide:
1. A range of contract lengths and accommodation types so that no student who is eligible for accommodation under the first year or graduate guarantee is priced out of University accommodation;
2. Sufficient family accommodation and support for students with families;
3. Good welfare and social provision for students living in University and partnership accommodation, with fair and transparent procedures for disciplinaries, contractual disagreements and deposit returns.

The Students’ Union will:
1. Oppose increases in University rents above the RPIX inflation rate unless for agreed improvements;
2. Advise, support and represent students living in University and partnership accommodation through the Welfare Officer and Student Advice Centre.

Private rented housing

The Students’ Union will:
1. Help students make informed house hunting decisions with advice and information through the annual Welfare Officer led Smart Move campaign;
2. Support students through the housing advice offered by the Student Advice Centre;
3. Ensure that the interests of students living in the private rented sector are represented at a local and national government level.

POLICY HISTORY:
The original Housing policy passed by Referendum March 2004 (4323 votes for; 39 against; 144 abstentions). It was renewed in March 2007 and amended in March 2010. The new policy (above) was approved by Students’ Union Council in February 2013 and November 2015.

This policy is next due for review in November 2018.