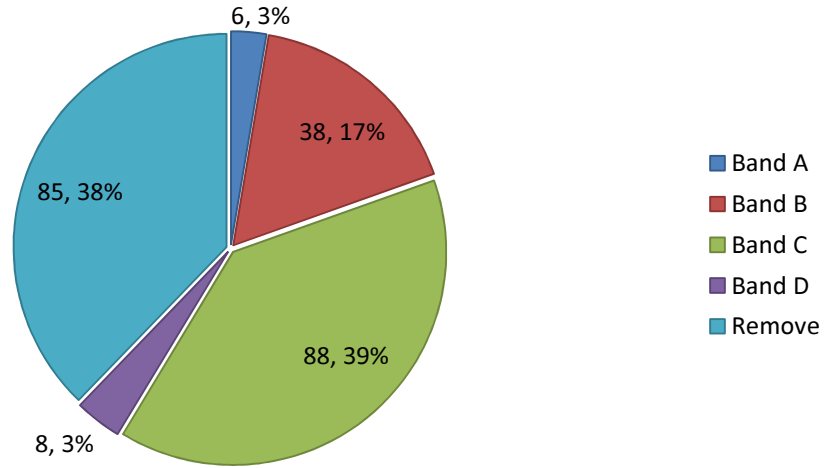
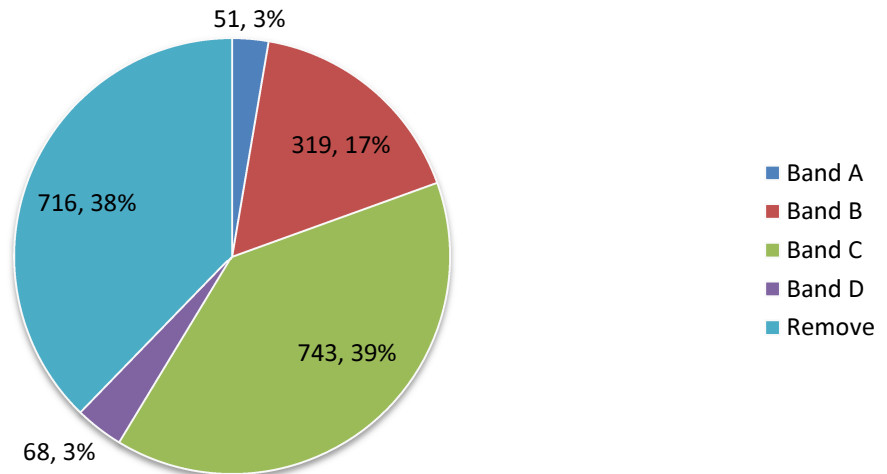


# Sevenoaks District Housing Register Policy Testing

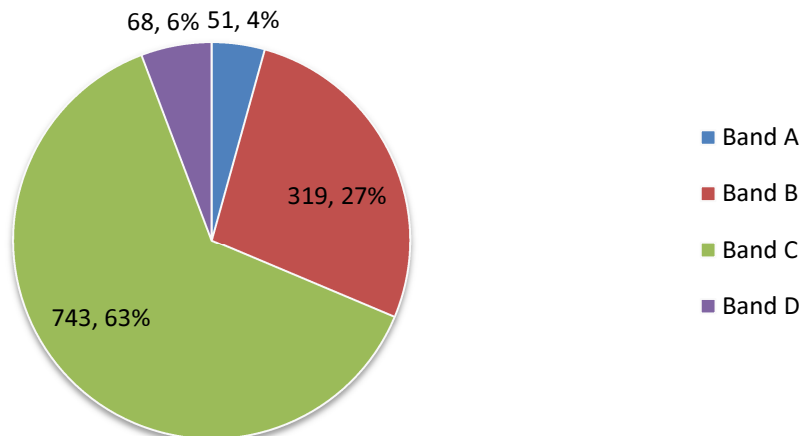
## Testing Sample Outcomes (225 applicants)



## Projected Impact on Housing Register (1900 applicants)



## Remaining Number on Housing Register Before Data Cleanse (1184 applicants)



- The sampling indicates that the Housing Register should reduce by approx. 38% (716 applicants).
- The applicants that will be withdrawn are established as having low points or no housing need and have no prospects of ever bidding successfully.
- Applicants withdrawn will be written to explaining:
  - Why they are being removed
  - Where to go for advice
  - That they have a right of review.
- The data of applicants who are removed will be monitored to ensure that any unforeseen negative impacts are avoided.
- Communication strategy is in place:
  - Information on SDC & WKHA website, press release, twitter, facebook.
  - All applicants will be written to advise them how the changes will affect them.
- It is anticipated that the re-evaluation of bedroom size eligibility and re-registration process will reduce register numbers slightly further.
- We have consulted with other Kent Housing Authorities and the sizes of the priority bands in our policy are comparable to other Authorities.
- Currently applicants broadly fall into three groups – low points, medium points and high points. The impact of the new policy is anticipated to be as follows:
  - Lowly pointed applicants will be removed as have no housing need and no prospect of bidding successfully;
  - Medium pointed applicants will have a slightly increased chance of getting accommodation;
  - Highly pointed applicants still be rehoused quickly but may wait slightly longer than they do at present.
- Applicants who remain eligible to be on the housing register continue to have a high degree of choice in line with Kent Homechoice principles.