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Options for Housing Association Tenants

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HOUSING OPTIONS FOR HOUSING ASSOCIATION TENANTS

What if I am already a Housing Association Tenant and want to move?

There are several ways you can move from one Housing Association property to another:

Transfer

Your Housing Association may be able to arrange a transfer for you, to another of its own properties if your home has become unsuitable.

You will need to contact your own landlord to see if they hold a list of transfer applicants.

You can also apply to join the Isle of Wight Housing Register, which the Isle of Wight Council Housing Section holds.

Mutual Exchange

If you have a secure Council or Housing Association tenancy you can “swap” your home with another Council or Housing Association tenant. You will need to find someone to “swap” with and you will need permission from both landlords before you go ahead and move.

You can advertise for exchanges in local shops, local newspapers or through the “All Island Exchange List”. This list can be viewed in all Housing Association Offices and the Council’s Housing Services Office where everyone that is interested in doing a “swap” is registered. If there is nobody on the exchange list, you can add your details to the register.

To add your details please contact Vectis Housing Association on (01983) 525985.

Once you have found someone you would like to “swap” homes with, both parties will need to contact their landlords for advice on how to proceed.

Your landlord can refuse a Mutual Exchange if the home one of you wishes to move into is far too big or small for their needs. A Mutual Exchange can also be refused if you have a court order against you for rent arrears

Please do not make any arrangements to move until both landlords have written consenting to the exchange.

Homeswap

Homeswap is a national scheme, which holds information on Council and Housing Association tenants throughout the UK who want to swap their home.

If you are living in permanent, self-contained accommodation and rent from a Council or Housing Association and want to move then you can register on Homeswap.

It can help you make contact with people who you may wish to swap homes with, off the Isle of Wight. Both parties in any exchange must have the permission of each landlord.

To register you need to contact Homeswap on 0845 606 6161 or email customer.services@homes.org.uk

Once your application has been processed you will be sent a letter of confirmation they will also send you details of anyone whose property details are close to what you are looking for. They will regularly search their database for new potential swap partners and will send you their details.

It is up to you to contact any persons you may want to exchange with and arrange a convenient time to view each other's properties. If you want to proceed with an exchange then please contact your landlord for advice on how to proceed.

Homes Mobility Scheme

Many Housing Associations take part in the Homes Mobility Scheme, which can help people who have secure tenancies move from region to region. They usually agree to rehouse a small number of HOMES Mobility Scheme movers each year.

If you need to move for at least one of the following reasons, you may be eligible to apply:

- You have already started a job or have received a firm offer of employment and it is too far away to travel to every day
- You have relatives who need support, or who need to support you
- There are other pressing reasons such as domestic violence or harassment

To apply for a move using the Homes Mobility Scheme you will need to get in contact with your own Housing Office to discuss why you want to move and where you want to move to.

If you are eligible, your landlord will make enquiries with other landlords on your behalf and will let you know if an application can be made and whether they are able to put you on their waiting list in the area you need to move to.

You do not have an automatic right to move and the landlord in the area you are asking for does not have to re-house you.

Please note that where there is a high demand for properties it is sometimes impossible for an authority to make properties available under the Homes Mobility Scheme.

Open Market HomeBuy

The Open Market HomeBuy scheme is aimed mainly at housing association and council tenants to try and free up homes for rent. It gives you the chance to buy a home of your choice on the open market like any other homebuyer.

On the Isle of Wight, this scheme is only available through Swaythling Housing Society. Price limits are set for the area and details of these are available from the Home Ownership Team. You will need to pay for 75% of the cost of the home and Swaythling Housing Society will contribute the remaining 25% in the form of a loan.

The maximum amount of loan is £50,000 and is repayable when you sell your home or you can repay it at any time before then if you wish.

Swaythling Housing Society will have a legal charge registered on 25% of the value of your home you own.

For more details about this please contact Swaythling's Home Ownership Team on 02380 628000.

The Council has compiled this list for assistance and every effort has been made to be accurate. The information should not be regarded as a recommendation.

This leaflet is available on request as an audiotape, in large print, in Braille and in other languages. If you require this service, please contact Housing Services on 01983 823040 or email Housing@iow.gov.uk



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