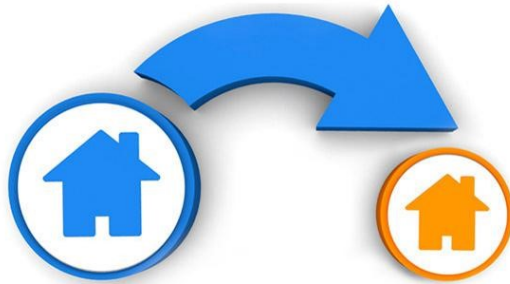


Downsizing Scheme







Is your home too big for you?

**Are you struggling to pay the bills or
maintain your property?**

*We can offer you incentives to downsize
to a smaller property.*

The Downsizing Scheme offers Council tenants living in houses that are too big for their needs, the chance to downsize to a smaller home. You may wish to downsize because your current home is too big for you or you may be struggling to pay the bills or maintain the property.

If my application is accepted, what support will I get?

-  You will receive a high priority for rehousing in the areas of your choice.
-  You will receive a home visit to assess your needs and requirements.
-  You will receive a grant towards expenses and the cost of fittings in your new home.
-  For those tenants assessed as being in special need, practical advice to assist with the move will be provided.

How do I apply?



If you're interested in the scheme, you should apply in writing by filling out the Downsizing Scheme Application Form on the back of this leaflet.

You will be contacted by a housing officer once your application has been assessed in accordance with the *Terms & Conditions* - see opposite.

Terms & Conditions

1. You should have a clear rent account or have made continuous repayments as agreed with us for at least the last six months in respect of any arrears
2. Your current property should be in a reasonable condition when you vacate it.
3. Your current property will be inspected and you will need to complete any work to the property that is required by us prior to the move going ahead.
4. We will not agree a move if members of your household or visitors to your home have been involved in anti-social behaviour.
5. You must be under-occupying your property by at least one bedroom (unless you are moving out of adapted property which is no longer required).
6. We will not agree a move if by doing so you will become overcrowded in your new property.
7. Although you will have a high priority for rehousing, we will prioritise tenants with a high housing need above those who have less need according to the Cumbria Choice policy. The length of time you have been waiting for rehousing will not be taken into account unless there are two or more applicants with equal housing need.

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If you require this leaflet in large print/audio or another language please contact the Housing Service and we will arrange for this to be carried out tel. (01229) 876578

Downsizing Scheme Application Form

Name

Address

Postcode.....

Contact Telephone no.

Email:.....

Family composition

Number of bedrooms in your property

Type of Property

Signed

Date

Please complete and return to:

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