

### Fixed term tenancies

The tenancies for affordable housing and some other housing association properties may now be for a shorter period than the present lifetime tenancies offered by housing associations. The phrase 'Fixed term tenancy' in the adverts will help applicants identify these properties.

The tenancy details will be explained to successful applicants when viewing the property.

### ***Verification of Applications***

Housing Officers will verify applications before making an offer of a Council or Housing Association home to a successful bidder or by way of a Direct Offer. Applicants are advised to gather in advance all documents required for verification of their application in order to avoid losing an offer of a home.

We will confirm:

- The property meets the applicant's needs in terms of size and assessed need.
- The Applicant is eligible to be made an offer. Reasons why an applicant may be ineligible for housing are described in the section - **Who is ineligible for Housing?** An example include the applicant's immigration status has changed and they are no longer eligible for housing
- The Applicant has not acquired a legal or beneficial interest in any other home
- The Applicant's priority for housing has reduced. Reasons for reducing an applicant's priority are described in the section on **Reducing an applicant's housing priority**. In exceptional circumstances where an urgent move is required the Exceptions and Special Applications Housing Panel may decide to waive the requirement to reduce priority

An offer will be withdrawn if an application cannot be verified within 24 hours or fraudulent information is uncovered.