



SUMMER UPDATE

Could downsizing be the right move for you?

Our home moving incentive scheme is continuing to support tenants who are looking to downsize their properties and save money on their bills. The scheme encourages individuals and families to consider downsizing to smaller homes and helps to free up larger family properties for other families in need.

The voluntary scheme allows tenants to downsize their properties and save money on their fuel bills, rent, council tax rates and the overall affordability of their home. In addition to these advantages, the scheme offers a range of incentives to support the move to a more suitably sized home.

These incentives include financial assistance to help with removal costs and additional allocation points for each under-occupied room.

The aim of the scheme is to try and provide the most suitable housing options for as many individuals and families as possible.

We understand that some people may prefer to remain in their family homes, and the aim is to provide encouragement and reassurance to those who might consider moving by offering significant practical and financial assistance.

To be eligible for the scheme, one of the criteria is that tenants must currently reside



in properties with three or more bedrooms. As an added incentive, tenants who successfully downsize will receive £1,500 to help with the moving process.

For more information about the scheme or to express your interest, please contact your local housing office.

Consultation underway on tower demolitions

A consultation on the proposed demolition of more tower blocks is now underway with residents and results will be available in the coming weeks. Our ambition is to replace all tower blocks and some low-rise flats with quality modern homes that meet the needs of local people now and in the future. The views of our residents on these regeneration proposals are vital and the Phase 2 consultation is a key part of our decision making.

This second phase of our tower regeneration plans identified a number of prominent multi-story blocks in Motherwell, a tower in Coatbridge and low-rise blocks in Coatbridge, Kilsyth, Motherwell, Airdrie and Wishaw for potential demolition.

The consultation process involving 974 households is asking residents for their views on the proposals. Information packs and surveys have already been delivered to residents living in the properties and open days and discussions with tenants' and residents' associations are also taking place.

The first phase involved 1,700 households, with 81% of respondents agreeing with the

regeneration proposals. This initial phase is now nearing completion, with most tenants having already moved or agreed to future housing options, and several blocks have been knocked down or are in the process of being demolished. Already new homes have been built for tenants to enjoy as well as providing a significant boost to employment and construction in North Lanarkshire.



Calling all green-fingered tenants

Could your garden be one of the best in bloom in North Lanarkshire?

If so, then why not enter this year's North Lanarkshire in Bloom Garden Awards?

All entries from gardens with beautiful blooms are welcome! Our annual competition is open to council tenants from across North Lanarkshire, with awards presented for the Best Individual Garden and Best Shared/Communal Garden.



Last year we had lots of fantastic entries and we're looking forward to another bumper crop this year. The competition is easy to enter and you can nominate yourself or someone in your community with a garden to be proud of.



The competition closes on Friday 18 August and you can find out more on how to enter at: northlanarkshire.gov.uk/housing/get-involved/nl-bloom

Rent help is available

More help is now available for households that have fallen behind with their rent payments during the cost of living crisis.

Our £852,000 rent assistance fund helps tenants who may be on low incomes or universal credit and who don't currently qualify for any other UK or Scottish Government financial support.

Our figures show that over 10,000 tenants, 70% of whom are on universal credit, are experiencing rent arrears, many for the first time. Our rent assistance fund can help support people who aren't eligible for additional benefit help, through the cost of living crisis and reduce the impact of increased living costs.



If you are concerned about keeping up with your rent payments, you could be eligible for financial assistance and you should contact us as soon as possible to find out how we can help.

We have dedicated income maximisers who will help support you and can identify any additional financial assistance you might be entitled to.

If you are struggling with your rent payments, please contact your local Rents Team or call 01698 524811.

How to contact us

To discuss any aspect of your tenancy or if you need general advice about housing you should contact your local First Stop Shop.

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