

## **Secure Tenancies**

### **What is a Secure Tenancy?**

Most Council tenancies are Secure Tenancies. They were introduced by the Housing Act 1985. It gives you the right to live in your home as long as you do not breach any of the terms of the

### **How long do Secure Tenancies last?**

Secure tenancies do not have an end date and, if there are no tenancy breaches, they run on indefinitely.

### **Rights and responsibilities**

As a Secure Tenant you have rights and responsibilities given to you by law, including the right to:

- Exchange your home;
- Take in lodgers;
- Sub-let any part of your home;
- Buy your council home;
- Succeed following a death;
- Carry out improvements to your home.

There are many more rights than this – please contact us for more information.

### **Review of your tenancy**

Your Housing Officer will visit you about six weeks after your tenancy starts to make sure everything is going OK.

### **If there are problems**

If you break the terms of your tenancy agreement your Housing Officer will tell you what you need to do to sort it out.

The Council can bring your tenancy to an end if you breach your tenancy and a Court decides it is reasonable to make a possession order. We will always make it clear to you what you need to do to stop breaching the terms of your tenancy.

### **Information and Advice**

If you need any further information do contact us.  
You can also get your own advice from a solicitor or housing advice centre.

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