

Your landlord will advise and assist you through this process to help ensure you are settled in your new home.

What to do if you are interested

If you are interested in moving and want to know if you qualify for our under-occupation scheme, please contact your landlord or visit www.thhs.org.uk for contact details of your landlord.



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If your answer is yes, and you would like to move to a smaller property, you may be able to get help from your landlord.

Tower Hamlets Council is working with Tower Hamlets Homes and our Common Housing Register partner landlords to free up larger homes for families who need them.

We can offer a range of help and support to tenants who wish to move, and who qualify for the scheme.

This leaflet explains more about the help that may be available if you agree to move. To discuss your options in more detail please contact your landlord.

Please note: Expressing an interest in this scheme and registering on the Common Housing Register does not mean you have to move to a smaller property.

How do I qualify for the scheme?

You must be a secure or assured tenant of a partner landlord and living in Tower Hamlets. You need to be giving up at least one bedroom and have a home which is suitable for the needs of people on the housing register.

Following government changes to benefits rules, working age households who are under-occupying will not receive full housing benefit. If you are one of these households you could benefit from the under-occupation scheme.

Why should I consider moving?

A smaller home may cost less to keep warm and your rent may be lower. If you move not only will you free up a larger home for a family in housing need, but you may also save yourself money.

What help will I get to move?

We know that each tenant has different needs, and that is why we have developed a range of options for qualifying social housing tenants to choose from.

In addition, we will also help you with bidding for homes in the area in which you want to live.

You will need to check with your landlord which of the following options you may be eligible for, should you qualify for moving under this scheme. This will be dependent on the number of bedrooms you give up.

Incentives may include:

- Practical assistance with the move
- Re-direction of your post
- Handyperson service or gardener for the day
- Help with rent issues
- Help with decorating
- Disconnections/reconnections for your gas and electricity etc.
- Financial assistance

