

Is your home too big for you?



Are you a council or housing association tenant?

Do you have more bedrooms than you use?

Leicester City Council is offering council and housing association tenants the chance to move into a smaller home, because the house that they live in is too big for them. It may also be difficult to look after and keep warm.

Join the Easy Move scheme and:

- → you could save money: move from a 4 to a 2-bedroom house and save around £1,500 a year; move from a 3-bedroom house to a 1-bedroom flat and you could also save £1,500.
- you will be added to the Housing Register help is available to complete the Housing Application form;
- → get extra priority on the housing register;
- → benefit from a free removals service;
- get help disconnecting and reconnecting washing machines and cookers;
- be given help and support through the moving process;
- → choose the area you would like to live in;
- have the chance to look at homes before deciding to move;
- → if you live in a house with four or more bedrooms you can choose to move to a one, two or three bedroom home.

| | Average costs per year and (week) | | | |
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| | TYPICAL 4 bedroom semi- detached house (Band C) | TYPICAL 3 bedroom semi- detached house (Band B) | TYPICAL 2 bedroom semi- detached house (Band A) | TYPICAL 1 bedroom flat (Band A) |
| Council Tax | £1252.65 | £1096.07 | £939.49 | £939.49 |
| | (£24.09) | (£21.08) | (£18.07) | (£18.07) |
| Council Rent (based on 50 weekly payments no service charge) | £3841.50 (£76.83) | £3344.00 (£66.88) | £3079.50 (£61.59) | £2500.50 (£50.01) |
| Gas * | £840.00 | £766.00 | £611.00 | £432.00 |
| | (£18.08) | (£14.73) | (£11.75) | (£8.31) |
| Electric * | £1021.00 | £832.00 | £661.00 | £540.00 |
| | (£19.64) | (£16.00) | (£12.71) | (£10.49) |
| Total | £6955.15 | £6038.07 | £5290.99 | £4221.65 |
| | (£133.75) | (£116.12) | (£101.75) | (£84.85) |

*source: www.whatprice.co.uk 28th October 2010

To find out if your housing association is taking part, for further information or to know how to join the scheme telephone **0116 252 7007** or email **propertylettingsteam@leicester.gov.uk**

Incentives through the Easy Move scheme are available subject to funding and may be withdrawn at any time.

