

Tenancy Strategy Summary

The Government is allowing Councils and Housing Associations to use fixed term tenancies for new tenants in future.

People who are already Council Tenants will not be affected by these changes.

The City Council has produced a Tenancy Strategy. The purpose of this strategy is to ensure social housing is for those in the greatest need.

Under the Council's proposals, some people will continue to receive a lifetime tenancy, including those over 55, those with terminal or long term illness and unable to work, disabled people requiring adapted housing and those in properties of two bedrooms or less.

The document also outlines that the City Council would like to see social housing providers offer fixed term tenancies for a period of ten years, after which the tenancy will be reviewed.

Social housing providers will set the review criteria, but it will be expected to establish whether the household still has an ongoing need for the property they are renting.

The Council would like to see the promotion of shared ownership, or shared equity schemes for those who can afford them.

The Tenancy Strategy is also looking for social housing providers to charge rents that are affordable to those claiming housing benefit.

If you would like more information about the Tenancy Strategy please visit the Council's website www.gloucester.gov.uk