

Moving to a another property



Apply to the Housing Register

This is managed by the local council & you will need to apply to them.

You will be allocated a Banding A, B, C or D (if you are looking to downsize, you should be placed in Band A or B) and provided with a bidding pack telling you how to look and bid for properties. Check the list of available properties every 2 weeks when they are advertised. The council may be able to help you with bidding.

If you are happy to consider a different local authority and have close family or work there, ask them for an application form too.

Exchanging your home

Register with **Homeswapper** - a national online mutual exchange service. You exchange your home with another housing association resident. You can search for homes anywhere in the country and find matches with other interested tenants. Worthing Homes pays for this service for our residents so your application will come to us for approval to join for free. For more information go to **www.homeswapper.co.uk**.

You register online and must provide an email address. If you do not have internet access you can use the computers in your local One Stop Junction, IT Hub, library, local council or perhaps a family member or friend can help you.

Please remember you can usually only move to a home which has the right number of bedrooms for you and the people living with you.

If you want to move to a smaller home talk to your neighbourhood housing officer about the financial incentives we may be able to offer you; this may help you pay towards removal costs and other expenses!

Remember to let everyone know if you move including all the benefits & Tax Credit offices!

If you get Housing Benefit & move from one local authority area to another this will usually trigger a claim for Universal Credit as you cannot make a new claim for Housing Benefit if you are working age.