



SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

FLEXIBLE TENANCIES

What are flexible tenancies?

Flexible tenancies are fixed term secure tenancies with most of the same rights as secure tenancies, but last for a fixed period.

The Council has introduced flexible tenancies for all new tenants of the Council (excluding tenants of sheltered housing)

We will give a **1 year INTRODUCTORY TENANCY**, plus -

- Tenants with dependent children – **10 years FLEXIBLE TENANCY**

OR

- Tenants without dependent children – **5 years FLEXIBLE TENANCY**

Why are we offering flexible tenancies?

The Council has decided to grant flexible tenancies to new tenants to help ensure that the Council is making the best use of its housing stock and that tenants live in housing suitable to their housing needs.

Rights of flexible tenants compared to other types of tenancy?

Rights	Introductory	Flexible	Secure
Right to buy			
Right to transfer/exchange (moving)			
Right to repair			
Right to take in lodgers			
Right to sublet part of property			
Right to be consulted			
Right to statutory succession			
Right to make improvements			
Right to assign the tenancy			

What if I don't agree to being offered a flexible tenancy?

If you are offered a flexible tenancy it will be in accordance with our tenancy strategy. You are able to request a review against the length of time of the flexible tenancy you have been offered, but not the fact that you have been offered a flexible tenancy instead of a secure tenancy.

How can I apply for a review of the length of time of the flexible tenancy that I have been offered?

If you wish to request a review of your offer you must: -

- ✓ Make your request in writing (see the contact details at the end of the guide) either by letter or email, within 21 days of receiving your offer letter advising that a flexible tenancy is being offered.
- ✓ Say why you feel the length of the tenancy being offered is not appropriate.

Your request will be reviewed by a housing manager who has not been involved in the decision to offer you the flexible tenancy agreement.

What happens when the flexible tenancy comes to an end?

A housing officer will visit you at least 9 months before your flexible tenancy is due to end and make a decision as to whether you are going to be offered another tenancy by the Council.

Would like to discuss further?

Please contact us using the methods below: -

- Telephone(01793) 445503 or
- in person at One Stop Shop
- Email or on-line - housing@swindon.gov.uk