



Housing options

Are you...	Who's eligible	These schemes could be for you...	What it offers
Interested in swapping your house or flat with another tenant in Lewisham or another borough, outside Lewisham?	Council tenants & Housing Association tenants	House Exchange & Home Swapper	<p>An opportunity to move to another council or housing association home anywhere in the country. Where both rent accounts are clear and there are no other breaches of tenancy conditions, an exchange can be approved quite quickly.</p> <p>Go to www.houseexchange.org.uk/ www.homesearch.org.uk</p>
A tenant living in a Lewisham or Lewisham Homes property?	<p>Council tenants, overcrowded households living in the private rented sector or households accepted by the Council as priority homeless.</p> <p>If you are a Housing Association tenant please contact Fresh Start for more information.</p>	Fresh Start	<p>A package of support, advice and financial assistance worth up to £2,650 to help you move into private rented accommodation. This package could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first month's rent • Landlord deposit bond <p>Call the Council on 020 8314 8827/0208 3149329 for more information.</p>
Interested in moving to a smaller home?	Council tenants & Housing Association tenants	Under Occupation	<p>A package of support &, advice to help you move into a smaller home. This package could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal costs • Connection costs <p>Call the Council on 020 8314 8827/0208 3149329 if you are a Council tenant or your landlord for more information.</p>

Affected by the Spare room subsidy (bedroom tax)?	Council & Housing Association tenants	Under Occupation	Call the specialist Trading Places team on 0208 3143035 or go online www.lewisham.gov.uk/tradingplaces
Interested in moving to another social tenancy within London?	Council tenants & Housing Association tenants	Housing Moves	An opportunity to move to another council or housing association home in another London borough. Where your rent account is clear and there are no other breaches of tenancy conditions Go to www.housingmoves.org
Interested in moving to the seaside or to the country?	Council tenants & Housing Association tenants	Seaside and Country Homes scheme	A move to a bungalow or flat in a seaside town or rural village in the south or east of England. Priority is given to tenants vacating larger properties. Go to www.seaside.housingmoves.org
Interested in buying the property you live in?	Council tenants If you are a housing association tenant talk to your housing provider/housing office about their Right to Acquire schemes.	Right to Buy	An opportunity to buy the property you live in at a discounted rate; up to 70% – up to a maximum discount of £102,700 in London www.righttobuy.communities.gov.uk
Interested in knowing more about affordable ways to buy a home?	Anyone	First Steps:- - Shared Ownership - Rent to Homebuy - First Buy - Accessible housing	Alternative options for households who cannot afford to buy a home outright. Go to www.lewisham.gov.uk and search on 'home ownership'. FIRST STEPS is a free service for first-time buyers looking to buy a home for less. Go to www.firststepslondon.org
Keen to buy in the private sector, but just short of the money you need to do so	Council tenants only	Cash Incentive Scheme	A cash grant of up to £44,000 to help you buy a property anywhere in the UK. You must be able to prove that you are able to afford to buy your own home. Go to www.lewisham.gov.uk and search on 'grant for buying a house'.

