

## **QUEENS COURT BRIMSCOMBE**

At the Housing Committee meeting on the 22 December 2015 members agreed to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in Queen's Court, Brimscombe on the open market and to apply the Council's decanting policy to enable residents to move.

The property comprises a block of 24 flats and maisonettes. Of the 24 dwellings, 22 are occupied by tenants, one is owner occupied due to a previous right to buy purchase and one is vacant after a recent purchase from an owner occupier.

All of the 22 tenants received a letter on the 3 February informing them of the decision and to let them know that a meeting would be arranged for the Tenant Liaison Officer and their Housing Officer to visit to start the process to find them suitable alternative accommodation. This home visit will include an assessment of support needs and a property inspection and the resident can discuss their preferences, expectations and options.

The meetings are also being held with support workers, carers, community psychiatric nurses and relatives where appropriate to ensure that the moves are handled as sensitively as possible.

All of the residents are required to register on Gloucestershire Homeseeker and will be placed in gold band to give them the best chance of bidding successfully for a property.

The speed with which the decants can take place will be dependent upon the rate at which suitable void properties become available.

Visits have already taken place to many of the residents and two residents have already accepted offers on properties through Gloucestershire Homeseeker and will have moved by the time of this meeting. The aim is for the remaining residents to have had a visit by the end of the month.

With regard to the remaining owner occupied property, the Principle Estates Surveyor is in negotiations with them to buy back the property.

Initial Demolition Notices have been prepared and are to be served week commencing the 14 March 2016. If demolition is confirmed, a Final Demolition Notice will be served.

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