



Rightsizing Incentive Scheme

A guide to how Knowsley Council can help you downsize if your housing needs have changed.

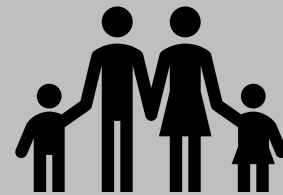


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There is a shortage of affordable housing in Knowsley, particularly for larger families.



As part of our Housing Strategy, and in response to the social housing crisis, Knowsley Council are committed to facilitating under-occupying social tenants to move to accommodation which better meets their housing need and therefore free up properties for larger households.



Households participating in the Rightsizing Incentive Scheme may be eligible for financial grants and assistance to facilitate the move.

Just the Rightsize!

Knowsley Council are committed to ensuring that social tenants are living in homes that are right for their needs.

Our Rightsizing Incentive Scheme is designed to help you move to a smaller home when your household needs change.



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Am I Eligible for the Scheme?

The scheme is currently open to Knowsley social housing tenants who meet the following criteria:

- Are under-occupying either a four- or five-bedroom social property (or a three-bedroom parlour house - a parlour being a separate room that has a single entrance and is not used to enter another room) by at least one bedroom.
- Have been a social housing tenant for at least 1 year.
- Must have an assessed band A or band B housing need and an active Property Pool Plus application.
- Must be prepared to downsize by at least one bedroom.
- The move must not result in overcrowding.

Social housing tenants interested in the scheme who meet all of the above criteria except bullet point 3, will be provided with advice and assistance on how to make an active Property Pool Plus application and be assessed for their banding allowing them to bid for suitable properties



What are the Incentives?

Eligible households may be entitled to:

- An initial cash incentive for downsizing by one bedroom, plus the potential for additional cash incentives for each bedroom released.
- A grant payment toward the cost of moving assistance and van rental.
- A discretionary redecoration and refurbishment voucher.
- Assistance to overcome any other legitimate barriers to moving.

How do I apply?

To register interest in the scheme, or to request further information please contact:

Email: Housing@knowsley.gov.uk

Please include in the subject line of the email – **Rightsizing**. Within the email provide your name and daytime contact telephone number and indicate the best time of day between 9am and 5pm to be contacted.



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