

## HOUSING AND ECONOMY APPLYING FOR HOUSING

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### **Examples of when an applicant may be considered for a Management Move include:-**

- Applicant left occupying a property following the death of a tenant

### **If a secure, introductory or demoted tenant dies and there is no other family member left in the property who has the right to succeed, a Management Move may be considered if:-**

- The property was the only or principal home of the remaining family member at the time of the tenant's death and they would have qualified to succeed if a succession had not already taken place.
- The applicant has been living permanently with the tenant as a member of their family for a minimum of a year before the tenant died.
- The applicant has agreed to take over parental responsibility for the tenant's dependants and does not have any suitable alternative accommodation available.

### **Relationship Breakdown**

If a sole or joint tenant gives notice to terminate a tenancy, we may grant the tenancy to the remaining occupier, provided that they have been living with the former tenant as a partner, or a member of their family, the property is their only or principal home and it is suitable for their needs.

If joint tenants are married couples, civil partners or couples with children, Courts have the power to decide that a tenancy can be transferred to one or other of the parties, in instances of dispute. Staff will initially advise applicants to seek legal assistance in these circumstances.

Joint applicants should be aware that any Court Costs incurred in ending a joint tenancy may be the responsibility of the parties involved.

### **Exceptional Circumstances**

**Staff may also consider applying Management Moves in the following circumstances. This list is not exhaustive:-**

- Social Services have carried out a statutory assessment and there is a child at risk in the household.
- Social Services have carried out a statutory assessment and there is an adult at risk in the household.
- The applicant is in Council tied accommodation and requires secure housing (e.g. retiring Council employee).
- An existing Council tenant has been placed in temporary accommodation following fire or flood which has made their home uninhabitable.
- Existing tenants of Wrexham County Borough Council who need to move because their home is scheduled for demolition, redevelopment or other major works.
- The housing of some individuals who fall within the MAPPA protocol. These allocations will be made in accordance with the separate MAPPA scheme.

**When deciding whether to award a Management Move, amongst other considerations, Senior Officers may consider the following:-**

- Will granting the tenancy make best use of the housing stock?
- Has the applicant's behaviour caused the current sole or joint tenant to leave or flee the property? (e.g. have there been issues with financial/ domestic abuse)?
- Is the applicant eligible for an allocation?
- The circumstances of each individual case (the priority banding they would be awarded on the housing register, how long has the applicant been living with the tenant, is it reasonable for the applicant to continue to occupy the property in question?)
- Is the applicant covered by MAPPA protocol?