

Housing Renewal Strategy Policy 2006-2009

Summary of the main changes from the Previous Policy

1. Emphasis on a pro-active/ preventative approach to Private Sector Renewal.
2. All forms of Discretionary Assistance include repayment conditions.
3. Greater emphasis on improving advice to the Public on Home Maintenance, Energy Efficiency and Equity Release Schemes.
4. Reduction in use of the Discretionary Disabled Facilities Grant to top-up Mandatory Grant only.
5. Reduction in the level of Empty Homes Grant from £20,000 to £10,000 to provide assistance to a wider audience and make best use of limited resources.
6. Change of use of Renovation Grant to deal with the new Housing Health & Rating system and reduction to £10,000 to provide assistance to a wider audience and make best use of limited resources.
7. Introduction of new forms of assistance including: Decent Homes Grant, Relocation Assistance, Landlord's Assistance and Access to Equity Release loan.