

Health, Social Security and Housing Sub-Panel

Social Housing Property Plan 2007 – 2016

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We would be interested to know what type of property is being sold and in what condition. Are these solid properties with good insulation, double glazing and other energy saving features or are they 60s rubbish! If the latter, will there be insistence on bringing them up to standard? Are they affected by subsidence or concrete degradation? Will they, in other words be a good buy? Will Housing spend any money on these properties before selling?

Will they be sold only to first time buyers? Are Housing moving away from rental or are they planning to use the money to provide newer and better rental accommodation? Provision has to be made for rental property for those who cannot afford to buy and a balance needs to be kept. There must be enough rental property which is properly maintained and refurbished

A refurbishment and maintenance programme definitely needs to be established if not already in existence. How would this be funded? If States property sold off this money should certainly be ring-fenced for this purpose. If properties are tenanted before selling the tenants should be allowed to stay in situ till suitable other accommodation is found

Basically we are keen to see good quality rental property which is properly maintained and which incorporates as many energy saving measures as possible. If older or less suitable property can be sold off to raise funds for this that would be acceptable as long as there is enough property to meet the demand, as long as it would not be more economical to restore existing property