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Clydebank Housing Association Investigates New Scheme to Improve Housing Options

Clydebank Housing Association (CHA) is currently investigating a proposal to change some of their properties from social rent to mid-market rent.

The scheme would allow CHA to offer 2 bedroom multi-storey flats for mid-market rent to people meeting the criteria. Currently, demand from housing list applicants for these flats on a social rent basis is reducing largely due to the forthcoming 'spare bedroom tax'.

The flats are in a good area and will be finished to a high lettable standard for a rent of around £420pcm - lower than a private rented flat of a similar size in the area. The rent will include a high standard of repairs and maintenance, onsite caretaking service and use of an onsite communal laundry facility. In addition, CHA's unique Community Heat & Power scheme supplies the properties with unlimited heat and hot water for only £43.24pcm.

CHA is keen to gauge opinion and interest and has written to its tenants and waiting list applicants about the proposal and feedback so far has been positive.

CHA can currently only let its properties to those in extreme housing need so this provides a new housing option for people wishing to live in the area who may not have sufficient points to receive an offer of CHA's social housing.

Fiona Webster, CHA's Director, said, "We are aware that we may have a lot of housing applicants who are desperate for housing and who we will never be able to rehouse under the current system. In today's financial climate it's also very difficult to get onto the housing ladder as most mortgage lenders expect a significant deposit".

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Notes to Editor: The properties would be available for those:

- in full or part time employment earning enough to pay a full rent but earning no more than £35,000 per annum
- who don't own a property
- who have an inability to obtain a mortgage
- who with little or no points or who do not meet the criteria, to get an offer of housing from a Housing Association or Council