

Housing Assistance Policy Descriptions

Decent Homes/Energy Efficiency loan

Loans provided by a third party approved by the Council are available to owner occupiers or tenants with a repairing obligation to make their property decent or improve the energy efficiency of their property. All loans are subject to terms and conditions that are stated in the loan agreement and in the main policy document.

No Use Empty Loan interest payment scheme

This grant assistance is available to owners of properties that have been empty for more than six months, as confirmed by the Council, that qualify for the Kent County Council No Use Empty Loan to fund the interest payments on the loan up to a maximum of £5,000. The loan is to bring the property up to a decent standard.

The grant assistance is not repayable when the property is sold.

Warm Homes Assistance

This assistance is available to owner-occupiers or tenants with a repairing obligation. If the applicant is in receipt of a means tested benefit and works are required to ensure the property is adequately heated and all other forms of funding have been fully investigated, grant assistance of up to £5,000 will be available.

Grant assistance to be repaid when property sold.

Relocation Assistance

Relocation Assistance is available where:

The property is occupied by a disabled person and does not meet their needs, and it is not considered reasonable and/or practical to adapt it.

Relocation assistance will be available up to £5,000 towards moving costs, where a more suitable property has been identified.

The grant assistance is not repayable when the property is sold.

General

Cases that fall outside of this policy but which exhibit special extenuating circumstances will be reported to the Director of Health and Housing for a decision.