

Dear Tenant

Re: Changes to tenancy agreement

We are writing to consult with you on several changes to the tenancy agreement which would come into force as of April 2016.

The changes largely focus on the wording. This will help us enforce the tenancy agreement when we need to.

The changes are outlined in the enclosed summary document.

A major change is to succession rights (please consult the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions). These were changed in law by the Localism Act 2011 and we are changing our policy to reflect this. These changes will reduce the number of people who can succeed to a tenancy, and will **only** apply if your tenancy started after April 2012. We are also limiting the number of successions to one per tenancy.

Another change is that a tenant must ask permission to have pets.

We are seeking your views on these proposed changes. You can let us know what you think by emailing housing.CSA@housing.york.gov.uk, you can fill in our survey on the City of York Council website www.york.gov.uk/consultations, you can complete the enclosed form and return in the pre-paid envelope or you can attend a consultation event:

15th January 2016 09.00 to 12.30

Tang Hall Community Centre, Fifth Avenue, Tang Hall, York YO31 0UG

18th January 2016 9.00 to 12.30

Gateway Centre, Front Street, York YO24 3BZ

21st January 2016 15.30 to 19.30

West Offices, Station Rise, York, YO1 6GA

We will also be running consultation events in our sheltered schemes, please contact your Sheltered Housing Scheme Manager for further information.

If you would like a copy of your current tenancy agreement please refer to our Housing downloads page on our website, <https://www.york.gov.uk/downloads/20012/housing>

We look forward to hearing from you.