

- 7.11 Tenants will be supported throughout with further visits on request to answer any questions about the assessment and decant process.

8.0 OPTION TO RETURN

- 8.1 There is no statutory right to return to an estate, area or neighbourhood that has been redeveloped. The Council may at its absolute discretion offer this as a priority option to the original tenants where practicable, but there is no guarantee we can do so.
- 8.2 Where possible the Council will enable tenants to remain living in their neighbourhood.
- 8.3 The option to return will be offered to secure tenants who are unable to move directly into a newly build home in the regeneration area and as a result have chosen to wait until a suitable unit is available, being temporarily housed in the meantime
- 8.4 Where no suitable newly build unit is available, tenants will be given the option to move temporarily to another property and return to the estate once suitable properties are available.
- 8.5 Temporary decants returning to the new development upon completion will be re-registered on the Choice Based Lettings system based on their original housing need at the point of temporary re-housing, unless there is a change of circumstances. Once registered as returning decants they will have the opportunity to bid for all suitable available units on the development, indicating their preference between unit types (layout) and location in the bidding and viewing stages.
- 8.6 The priority will be to ensure where possible that all returning temporary decants are accommodated in the new development before opening bidding to other groups.
- 8.4 If unsuccessful during this ring fenced bidding period applicants will be made a maximum of two direct offers of suitable vacant units in the new development. If an agreement on a suitable property is not reached, the temporary decant will forfeit their option to return and the vacant units will be made available to other priority groups.
- 8.5 Should a household fail to accept the two direct offers of accommodation they will automatically forfeit the option to return. If their current temporary housing meets their size and mobility needs and offers them the same type of security of tenure that was provided in the original home (pre decanting) then they will remain in this accommodation as their permanent home. However if it is not considered suitable then they will be treated as a permanent decant without the option to return. They will be prioritised and approved to bid through the Choice Based Lettings Scheme for an alternative permanent property.