

Proposed Transfer of Engagements - Frequently Asked Questions – August 2025 – Issue #1

What is a transfer of engagements?

It is where we, Blochairn Housing, will pass on to another housing association all we own and all we owe and they will then provide you with landlord services.

Why is it happening?

We have worked out financially that we cannot pay everything we need to pay out and to invest in your homes to bring them up to the standard they should be.

Who decided this and why?

The Management Committee took the decision that it was in your best interest to seek a transfer when it was forecast that we will not have access to the funds needed without a partner.

Who will the partner be?

We don't know at this stage who is interested and will make a submission (offer). There are timetables we are working to. The advert has been placed and the deadline is 29 August 2025 for associations to express an interest.

How is it decided?

Interested associations will be asked to answer a list of questions which include what they will spend on your properties, what they intend to do about rent levels and what additional services they may offer. These are scored with the preferred partner making the best deal for you.

What does this mean for my tenancy?

Your rights remain the same only your landlord changes.

Will I have to move out of my house?

No, you have a secure tenancy and can remain in your house.

Will this impact on my rent or entitlement to benefits?

No, this remains the same but the partner may offer rent level guarantees as part of their submission.

When will the transfer happen?

There is a process we have to go through which is laid out in our Rules and those of our regulators, the Scottish Housing Regulator, OSCR and the Financial Conduct Authority before the transfer is agreed with a partner. It is likely to be summer 2026 before everything will be finalised.

Do I get a say?

Yes, once we know who the preferred partner is, and we have gone through the required process you will be asked to vote Yes or No to the transfer in a secret ballot. Members (shareholders) will also get to vote on it at a Special General Meeting.

Where can I get advice on this?

A tenant's representative will be appointed into the process. They will provide you with independent advice on the transfer and what it means for you.

We will provide regular updates about the process and the proposed partner once known and please do not hesitate to contact the office with any queries or concerns you may have.

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