

## How will I know if my bid is successful?

Properties will be offered to the person with the greatest priority and who has been registered the longest, within the relevant band.

You will be contacted by the Landlord Housing Association. They will carry out some relevant checks, which may include a home visit. Once they are happy with your application, a viewing will be arranged and a date to sign for the tenancy.



The results of the successful applicants banding category and registration date within that banding will be advertised on the web site; [www.homechoiceplus.org.uk](http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk) and at the organisations on the back page of this leaflet.

## Will I be housed more quickly?

This will depend on your housing need, the availability of the type of property you need and also the area(s) you are considering.

You will have a longer wait for the more popular properties and areas.

If you do not bid for properties you cannot be considered for them, so it is important to be active in the Home Choice Plus scheme.

## Where will properties be advertised?

Home Choice Plus will be advertised in the places listed in the contacts section of this leaflet and on the internet [www.homechoiceplus.org.uk](http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk)

## Contacts

### Bromsgrove District Bromsgrove District Housing Trust

☎ 0800 0850 160

### Bromsgrove District Council

☎ 01527 881288

### Malvern District Elgar Housing Association

☎ 01684 579579

### Malvern, Tenbury & Upton Upon Severn Libraries

☎ 01684 862151

### Stratford District Stratford-on-Avon District Council

☎ 01789 260861/2

### Worcester City Worcester City Council

☎ 01905 722233

### Worcester Community Housing

☎ 0800 1972 805

### Wychavon District Wychavon District Council

☎ 01386 565020

### Rooftop Housing Group

☎ 01386 420800

### Spa Housing Association

☎ 01905 823100

### Wyre Forest District Wyre Forest Community Housing

☎ 01562 732356

### Wyre Forest District Council Hub

☎ 01562 732928

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# Home Choice Plus



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‘Working in partnership to offer choice from a range of housing options for people in housing need’



## What is Home Choice Plus?

Home Choice Plus has been developed by a number of Local Authorities and Registered Social Landlords working in partnership. This is a new way of looking for and allocating social housing across the Local Authority Areas.

### Home Choice Plus areas

- Bromsgrove District
- Malvern Hills District
- Stratford-on-Avon District
- Worcester City
- Wychavon District
- Wyre Forest District

## How do I register for this scheme?

You will need to fill in a housing application form to register. You can pick up one of these forms from the organisations listed on the back of this leaflet or you can fill in a form on line or download a form, [www.homechoiceplus.org.uk](http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk)  
You will be given a registration number and your application will be placed into a band, based on your housing need and the local connections. Once you have been notified of your registration number and banding you will be able to bid for vacant properties.

## How do I find out when properties are available?

Vacant properties will be advertised each week by Home Choice Plus. You will find them advertised by the organisations on the back of this leaflet, on the internet – [www.homechoiceplus.org.uk](http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk) or by calling the Property Lines for a recorded message.

Bromsgrove	01527 557543
Malvern	01684 579356
Stratford-on-Avon	01789 260840
Worcester	01905 721163
Wychavon	01386 565220
Wyre Forest	01562 732300

## How do I make a bid?

You can bid for properties in a number of ways. You will need to have ready your registration number, date of birth and the property reference number(s) you wish to place a bid on.

**On the Internet** [www.homechoiceplus.org.uk](http://www.homechoiceplus.org.uk)

### By Telephone

automated bidding line **0845 270 0557**

### By Texting

your mobile phone to: **07781 486 644**

Your registration number (e.g. **12345**) (space) date of birth (e.g. **16/03/1975**) (space) property reference number (e.g. **336699**)

Using the examples the text should look like **12345 16/03/1975 336699**. If you wish to add a second or third bid it should look like this:

**12345 16/03/1975 336699 445566 554433**

A reply is automated to your inbox, to a) confirm you are eligible for that property b) confirm that your bid has been accepted c) your current bidding position.



### In Person

at any of the partners' offices listed on the back of this leaflet.

### DigiTV (Wychavon)

Press the red button for interactive services. Go to 'Looking Local' and find your area. (Please note not all regions are covered for this service)

## When can I bid for a property?

Vacant properties will be advertised each Tuesday morning at 9am. You can bid anytime until 12pm midnight the following Monday. This is called the weekly bidding cycle.

## How many properties can I bid for?

You can make up to 3 bids each week as long as you match what the advert asks for.

Bids must be on separate properties for which you are eligible. If you change your mind, you can withdraw a bid and re-bid on a different property at any time throughout the cycle.

## Are there any reasons that I may not be able to bid?

You may not be able to bid for properties, if you do not match the criteria.

## I am a Housing Association Tenant, can I bid for properties?

If you are an existing Housing Association tenant, within the Home Choice Plus areas and are seeking a move, you will need to register with Home Choice Plus.

You will need to have a genuine reason for moving, this may be that your family size has changed, or you have a medical reason for wanting to move.

You will need to have a clear rent account and your home must be in good order.

Your Landlord must also agree to the move.

