



## Response to Request for Information

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### *Right to Buy*

#### Request and response in 'blue':

Please advise on your progress in providing replacement properties with funds from right to buy sales since the new rules applied in April 2012.

The Council has recently completed the development of 40 new council houses and has also used some money generated through Right to Buy receipts in order to buy back 11 former council houses. Work is ongoing on ensuring the delivery of further replacement properties, which will be a mixture of properties that have been bought back and new build properties.

How many homes have been sold under the right to buy, by your Council, and how many replacement homes have been provided with those funds in:

1. 2012/13. 119
2. 2013/14. 211
3. 2014/15. 196
4. Since April 2015. 84 sales between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 and 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015

Please also advise how many more replacement properties are currently planned with funds earmarked from RTB sales.

We anticipate that Right to Buy funds will be used to deliver in the region of 65 – 75 new build properties and 10 commercial conversions into residential units. It should be noted, that although a number of different schemes are planned, the number of units delivered will be subject to change until plans for the schemes are finalised.

Finally please indicate if you anticipate that you will be obliged to send any funds to central Government due to being unable to commit to providing the required level of replacement housing and if so how much money you will be sending as a result."

Based on current spending forecasts and development plans, and levels of receipts that have been spent so far, it is not anticipated that there will be a requirement to return any receipts to central Government before 2017/18.