



# Housing Options in North Ayrshire



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## **Advice & assistance**

- **Do you need advice and assistance to access housing?**
- **Are you struggling with issues which are impacting on your tenancy?**
- **It is important that you get help as soon as possible to ensure your housing difficulties do not become a crisis, which could result in homelessness.**
- **We will work with you to assist you in securing a housing outcome which meets your needs.**



The North Ayrshire Council Housing Advice Team (HAT) will discuss your housing options in order to resolve any issues you may have. This free advice service is available to anyone over the age of 16 and is tailored to meet individual needs and circumstances. The advice includes:

- The various housing options within North Ayrshire
- Support available to assist you to stay within your own home
- Assistance to prevent homelessness
- Information and support to access Private Rented accommodation
- Housing Support available dependant on your needs
- Options for owning your own home including shared ownership/equity
- Assistance to apply for a mutual exchange
- Advice regarding mortgage to rent options available
- Referrals to other services such as money advice, employability and health.

Please note that if we have reason to believe that you are homeless or threatened with homelessness within 56 days then we have a statutory duty to investigate your situation and process an application for homeless assistance.

## The office's opening times are:

### **Monday – Thursday**

9.00am to 4.45pm (see the note below\*)

### **Friday**

9.00am to 4.30pm

**\*note:** On the second Thursday of every month, the office will be closed from 1.30pm to 4.45pm for staff training purposes.

## How to access North Ayrshire Council Housing Advice Team

We are located at Galt House, 31 Bank Street, Irvine, KA12 0LL Tel: 01294 314600. We are also able to assist with telephone and email enquiries. You can email us at **[housing-info-advice@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:housing-info-advice@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)**.

An appointment with a specially trained advice officer can be arranged at a time to suit you. We also operate a drop in service for people who require emergency accommodation, please be aware it will be on a first come basis and you may have to wait to be seen. If you are homeless or threatened with homeless please see our leaflet "Are you Homeless".

## What you need to bring to your appointment?

We recommend you bring as much information as you can in relation to your housing need, for example, tenancy agreements, notice to quits, bank statements, proof of your financial circumstances. Please also bring identification such as a valid passport, birth certificate, driving licence, biometric residency card.

If you are unsure please contact us on 01294 314600 and we will be able to confirm what you should bring.



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appointment**

## What is a Housing Options Appointment?

The appointment is an opportunity to speak face to face with an Advisor and discuss your current situation.

The appointment will take place in a private room to ensure the conversation is confidential.

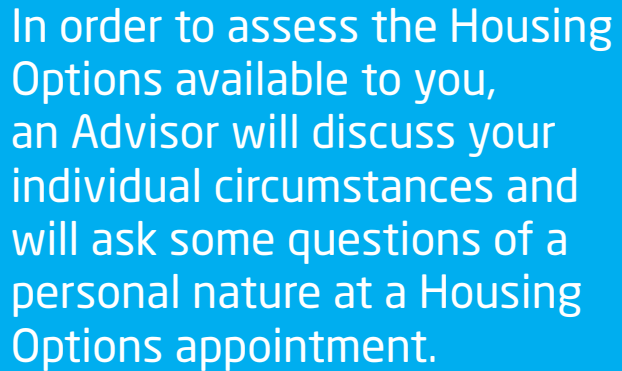
A same sex interview can be arranged if required.

If you wish, you can bring along a friend, carer or advocate.

If English is not your first language, or you have a visual or hearing impairment, please let us know before your appointment so we can arrange to have the appropriate service available, for example, translation services, sign language service.

In order to assess the Housing Options available to you, the Advisor will discuss your individual circumstances and will ask some questions of a personal nature. They will also advise why certain other Housing Options may not match your needs.

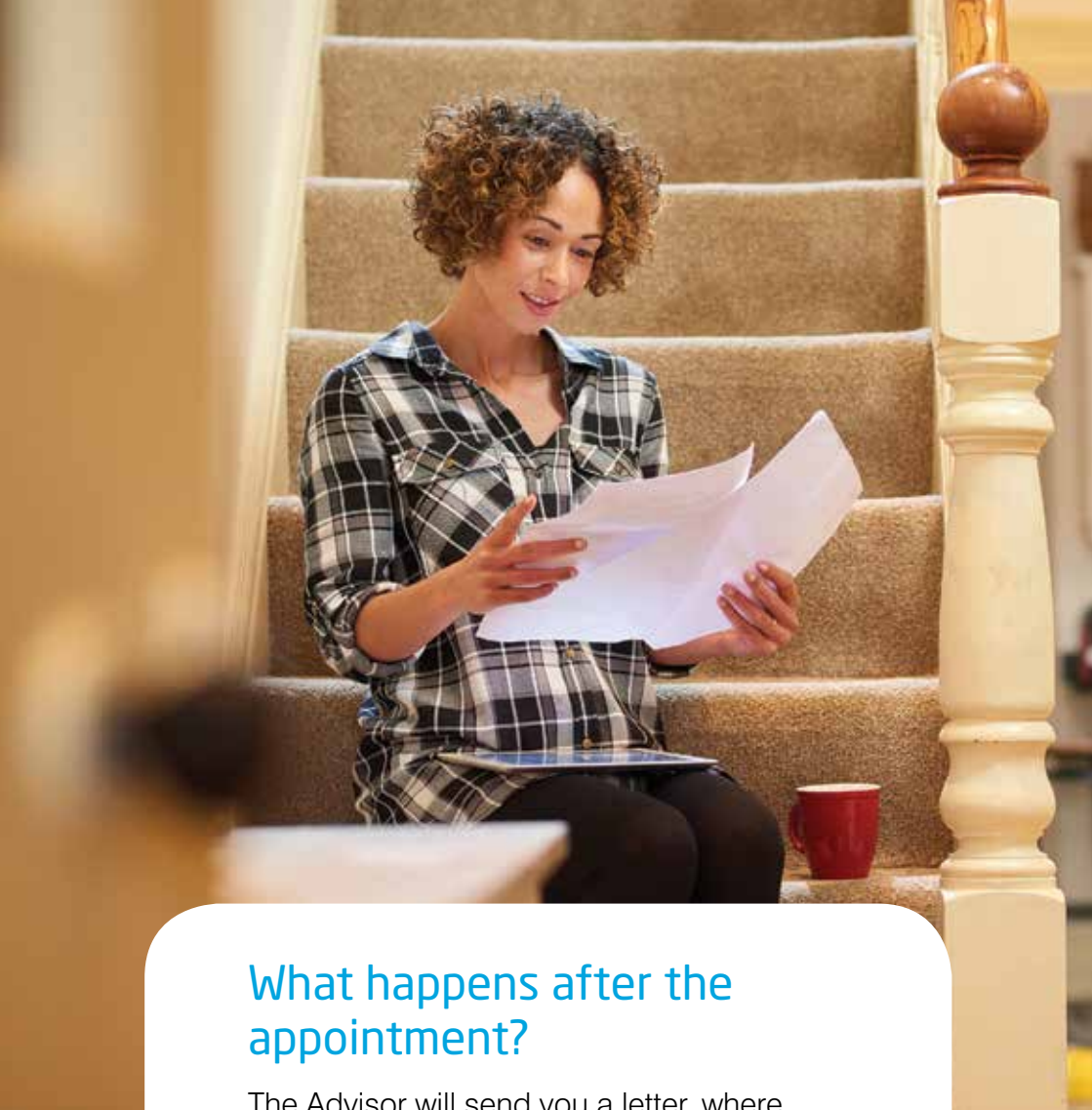
If any referrals are to be made to other agencies then the advisor will, with your consent, contact the relevant agency and make the appropriate referral.



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## What we will do for you:

- We will meet with you in a private and confidential room
- You can bring a friend into the interview with you
- You can ask to speak to an Officer of the same sex
- We will send you a letter with details of what was discussed following your interview



## What happens after the appointment?

The Advisor will send you a letter, where appropriate, summarising what was discussed during your Housing Options appointment, the letter will also detail any follow up actions which were agreed at the appointment. We will maintain contact with you until you have a positive housing outcome.



# Useful contacts

**Housing Advice Team**

01294 314600

**Out of Hours Homeless Stand By**

0800 0196 500

**North Ayrshire Council Housing Support Services**

01294 317370

**Community Safety Team**

01294 314640

**Barnardos North Ayrshire Families Service (BNAFS)**

01294 556208

**Welfare Reform Team**

01505 681034

**Scottish Welfare Fund**

01294 310001

**Veterans Services - SSAFA**

020 7403 8783

**Citizens Advice Bureau**

Irvine 22a Eglington Street,  
Irvine, KA12 8AS

01294 278051

**Community Housing Advocacy Project (CHAP)**

01294 475636

**Ayrshire Homelessness & Prevention Services (AHAP)**

01294 475633

**Three Towns Resource Centre, Saltcoats (CMHT)**

01294 470010

**Caley Court, Stevenston**

01294 476000

**North Ayrshire Money Matters**

01294 317786

**North Ayrshire Women's Aid**

01294 602424

# Useful contacts

## **North Ayrshire Council Housing Providers**

**Largs Area Office  
(Brooksby)**

01475 687590

**Three towns Housing  
Office (Town Hall)**

01294 310005

**Dalry/Beith Housing Office**

01294 835355

**Kilbirnie Housing Office**

01505 685177

**Kilwinning Housing Office**

01294 552261

**Irvine Area Housing Office**

01294 310150

## **Other Major Local Housing Providers**

**Irvine Housing  
Association**

0345 112 6600

**ANCHO**

01294 313121

**Cunninghame Housing  
Association (CHA)**

01294 468360

**Isle of Arran Homes –  
Trust Housing**

0131 444 1200

**SHELTER**

0808 8004444

Date of Appointment	
Advisor Name	
Preferred Option	
What you need to do	
What we will do	
Referrals	
Comments	

If you would like to find out more about the service, please contact



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