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## **CASH FOR BEDROOMS**

South Lakes Housing tenants are being offered a cash incentive to move to a smaller home.

South Lakes Housing is hoping the introduction of a downsizing scheme this month will free up some much needed family sized homes in the district to enable families who are waiting to be housed to move into houses that suit their requirements.

The Downsizing Incentive Scheme will provide a mix of financial and practical help with a maximum payment of £2,000.

**Cllr Peter Thornton, portfolio holder for Housing and Development**, said: “This is a fantastic scheme for those tenants who are struggling to manage their house either because it is too large or too costly to look after. Tenants who make a choice to downsize will pay less rent, council tax, heating and will find a smaller property easier to manage. In turn it will release much needed homes for families living in unsuitable properties.”

**Fiona Harrison, Senior Housing Officer, South Lakes Housing**, said: “The cash incentive provides a great opportunity to move to a smaller property without having to meet the cost of the move. This is a voluntary scheme with no pressure and anyone interested should contact me by calling 01539 717704 or by emailing [f.harrison@southlakeshousing.co.uk](mailto:f.harrison@southlakeshousing.co.uk).”